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OUTREACH PROGRAMS KEEP PEOPLE AND PETS TOGETHER

by Nancy Arnold, TALGV Outreach Coordinator

At TALGV we are all about rescuing as many homeless companion animals as possible but what about the pets in need of help who are attached to a human? The bad economy has impacted animals as well as people. Every day anguished owners are forced to relinquish beloved pets with treatable illnesses and injuries because they cannot afford veterinary care. Many of these pets wind up at animal control where they face certain death. When owners cannot afford to spay or neuter their animals unwanted litters are born, adding to the growing overpopulation problem that is causing so much suffering and death. Dreadful diseases like parvo and distemper spread through communities because animals are not properly vaccinated.

To address these problems and help keep animals in loving homes, TALGV instituted its Spay/Neuter Outreach program in 2010 and more recently added the Outreach Medical program. If an animal owner lives within our area and meets the criteria as a low income family, we will help them with free or low cost shots, spaying and neutering and medical care for their pets.

Every day we see the positive changes that these programs bring to companion animals and their owners. Many of the people seeking help originally rescued the animal due to abandonment or a neglect/abuse situation. Our Outreach programs are helping rescue not just the animals but the rescuers as well.

Here are just four out of the hundreds we have been able to help through our Outreach programs:



Blossom was only a few months old when she was found alone by a dumpster at a fast food restaurant. The little kitten's eyes were terribly inflamed and swollen shut, either from trauma or a serious infection. The lady who found her was willing to keep her but could not afford the veterinary care. Through TALGV's Medical Outreach program, Blossom received treatment for her

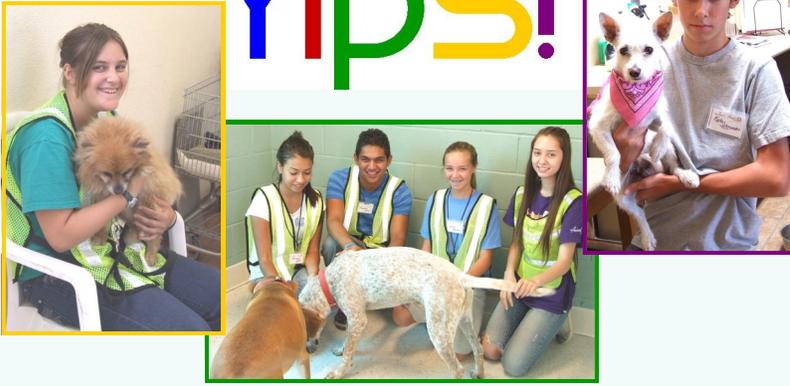
eyes as well as spaying and shots. Partial sight was saved in only one eye but she is now a happy and healthy pet. Her owner says Blossom's name really fits her because she has blossomed into such a loving part of their family.

Hearing barking inside the recently deserted home next door, a neighbor was able to obtain entrance to the home where she found **three tiny abandoned puppies**. She enlisted the help of her sisters, and they worked diligently to care for the little pups. Each decided to keep one, but they had limited funds for the necessary shots, spaying and neutering. Through TALGV's Outreach Program they were given help to obtain these medical necessities and the pups are now happily living in loving homes.



TALGV could not finance these programs without the generous donations we receive from our many supporters and friends. If you would like to help with our Outreach Programs, please send your donation in the envelope provided and check the box next to OUTREACH PROGRAMS. The people and animals will be forever grateful.

we love our YIPs!



by Jean Davis, TALGV President

When the adult volunteer ranks thin with the departure of the winter visitors there is an emptiness that everyone at TALGV, 2-legged and 4-legged, feels. Now it has been filled with the vitality, enthusiasm, and hard work of young people in our community who have chosen to spend a significant portion of their summer vacation helping the animals.

It was the first week of June when the YIP (Youth Intern Program) volunteers arrived at TALGV for the second year of the program. All, including ten returnees from last summer, were enthusiastically welcomed with warm smiles, open arms, kitty purrs and doggy kisses. Donating an average of 360 hours a week, you can find YIPs hard at work by 7:00 a.m. every day, cleaning litter boxes, picking up poop, washing dishes, preparing food, doing laundry, mopping floors, and always sure to include plenty of time in their schedules for the rewarding and all-important petting, loving, comforting, exercising, grooming, and training that keep our 160 cats and dogs happy and ready for adoption.



As the youth and adult volunteers work side by side, we can see and feel the forging of intergenerational friendships and appreciation that enrich all of us. Having these vibrant, kind, and compassionate young people with us has brought another dimension to The Animal League of Green Valley and to lives of all ages and several species.



New Board Members



Linda Moser was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania and received her BA in Journalism from the University of Pennsylvania. She was Director of Continuing Medical Education at the American College of Physicians in Philadelphia and responsible for organizing over 50 medical meetings in internal medicine subspecialties throughout the U.S., Canada, and Central America.

In 1991, she and her husband moved to northern New Mexico and formed Canyon Consulting Corporation, a medical/media consulting enterprise. In this capacity, they travelled extensively in Southeast Asia, Australia, Europe, and Central America.

Linda later expanded her range of interests to include volunteering for archaeological digs and animal behavior studies with the non-profit group, *Earthwatch*. In her spare time, she is an avid reader and enthusiastic mahjongg player.

Linda moved with her husband to Green Valley in 1999, began volunteering as a Pet Pal in 2003, and later became Offsite Cat Coordinator. Linda's real claim to fame is her role as "Pet Biographer" for TALGV. Over the years her wonderful pet biographies have been greatly enjoyed by many readers and have helped countless TALGV residents find their forever homes. Linda is currently board secretary, Petfinder Coordinator and dog "biographer."



Kareen Kell graduated from the University of Montevallo in Alabama with a BS degree in Secretarial Administration. Kareen began work in a major bank in Birmingham as secretary to the Senior Trust Officer. It was there that she met co-worker and husband-to-be, Charles Kell. When their daughter was born, Kareen gave up her career to be a stay at home mom.

Returning to work after six years, Kareen resumed her secretarial career which eventually led to a job as co-office manager with a doctor of neurology.

Kareen and Chuck moved to Arizona in 2004 and Kareen worked at a local chiropractic clinic until deciding, in 2007, that she was ready to leave the work place and enjoy the great Southwest. She became a volunteer at TALGV that same year and works tirelessly, seven days a week, serving the many animals and people who come to TALGV every day.

When she's not volunteering, Kareen enjoys weekly line dancing, gourd crafting, and spending time in her yard. She and Chuck have two mini shorthair dachshunds, Chelsea and Katie, who are a joy in their lives.

A Tired Dog is a Good Dog

by Roger Nelson, Certified Dog Trainer, Green Valley Canine



Remember being a kid on a rainy Saturday morning? Most likely you were upset because you were stuck inside and you had other plans. You'd begin to bounce off the walls if you didn't find something to do.

That's how it is for our dogs when we don't provide them an outlet to exercise. They become pent up with energy, and they don't know what to do with it. Then the trouble starts. Destructive chewing,

digging, and other undesirable behaviors from a bored, under-exercised dog begin to take their toll.

Sadly, the outcome is often not good, and people give up on their dogs. Many of them are dumped in the desert and along highways, simply because their owners were not able or willing to take the time to exercise them. More often than not a lack of exercise is one of the major underlying causes of behavioral problems. What the owner thought was a misbehaved dog was simply a dog that was not getting enough exercise.

Next to food and water, exercise is a basic need. Walking is a primal activity for a dog. It is our responsibility to make the effort to walk them every day.

Two daily 35 to 45 minute walks are recommended. Walk as briskly as you are comfortable with so that you and your dog get a workout. The dog should be at your side or slightly behind... not out front walking you.

Hot weather is here, so don't forget to take water. Be aware that it can be much hotter down on the ground where your dog is, so avoid the middle of the day when the sun is at its peak. The cool of the early morning and after the sun has gone down are the best times to walk during summer.

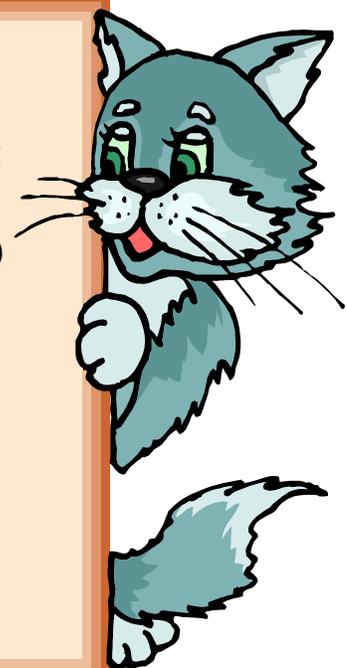
Time your walk. Get into a rhythm, get your heart rate up, take charge of yourself and your dog and get going. After 10 minutes at a good steady clip, give your dog a couple minutes off to drink, sniff and eliminate. Then walk another 10 minutes and so on. This routine is usually enough to take the edge off most dogs.

The difference between an under-exercised dog and one who has had his exercise needs met is huge. You will see it in your dog's relaxed attitude after the walk. A tired dog is a good dog. So before giving up on your misbehaving dog, stop and ask yourself, "Is my dog getting enough exercise?"



Our Wish List

- ◇ Gift cards for Walmart, Office Max and PetSmart
- ◇ Postage Stamps (Forever 45 cents)
- ◇ Dog Collars - all sizes
- ◇ Leashes - 4 to 6 feet long, non-extendable
- ◇ Milk Bone Dog Biscuits - all sizes
- ◇ Cat Treats
- ◇ Cat Toys





GOLF TOURNAMENT A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Friday, April 13th, the first annual TALGV golf tournament raised almost \$8,000. A full field of 144 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day of golf, lunch, and raffle prizes. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a great success. Volunteers pitched in to help with everything from recruiting golfers and hole sponsors, creating signage and publicity, selling raffle tickets, to baking the popular paw print cookies. We look forward to an even bigger second annual tournament next spring.



TALGV SAYS THANK YOU

TALGV celebrated over 200 of its volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 19, 2012. The theme was Earth Day 2012 and the luncheon, at the West Center, was catered by Arizona Family Restaurant. Attendees received free raffle tickets for prizes and a TALGV t-shirt and an environmentally friendly tote bag.



*“We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals.”
Immanuel Kant*



Mail from our friends...

Max & Libby

Max and Libby arrived home to snow after living in the desert and have adjusted well. They are crate trained and enjoy traveling with us and sleeping with mom and dad every night. They love walks on leash and are learning to heel and respond to commands and will come when off leash. Both are healthy and vibrant and have been a great joy to us.

Sincerely, Barry and Mary Rathfon



Ai wanted 2 send U some pixturz of me in mie new home. Ai can haz mai own TOWR to climb on! Also 2 new brudders, Bengal & Ember, who my mom found with your help 4 years ago. We like 2 watch birdees. Ai haz toys and boxes and udder good stuff. Also 2 goggies. Dey were scary at first, but Ai puffed my tail so dey R ok wit me now. Thanx 4 letting my Mom and Dad adopt me. They petz me lots & Ai makes them LOL every day. You called me Easter but now my name is Bindi, because of my jewel - the mark on my forehead. See?

Purrs, Bindi

Bindi

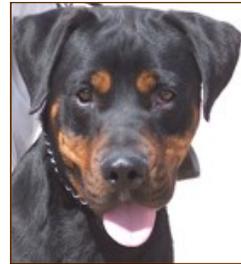


Buddy



Hi Everybody. I just wanted to thank you for taking such good, loving care of me while I was waiting to find a home. My new owner and I are getting along so well. You gave her such help in how to take care of me. I have lots of cat toys and friends who come to meet me and pet and play with me. Everyone thinks I am very handsome! My owner calls me Buddy because I am her best buddy. I like that.

Sincerely,
Buddy (formerly Vader)



Karl

I want to thank all of you for helping me get adopted. I really enjoy my new family, and especially sleeping on the carpet in the air conditioning!!!! I am pretty well housebroken and have had obedience training. I love riding in the car and look forward to long trips in the big motor home. My new home is on 40 acres with a large fenced area. I really enjoy the open space. Not long after I was adopted "Mia" joined our family. She looks just like me except she does not have a tail. We are constantly playing, chasing lizards, and having a good time together. We have turned into a couple of ranch dogs as our noses are always investigating everything. Life is finally good for both of us!!

Thanks again for everything, Karl

Star was brought to TALGV last January. She was about 10 years old, thin and had several rotten teeth. I was a volunteer on the surgery day when she had 8 teeth removed. While taking care of her in recovery, I fell in love and brought her home. She loves her walks and playing with my other two dogs. She is my shadow and such a sweetheart. I am so grateful to be a part of the happy endings at TALGV.

Rene Galloway

Star



Boo's doing well and, although she still hides under the bed when people come to the door, she stays under there far less than she used to and she's used to many of the sounds (garbage truck, furnace fan, etc.) that not long ago would have had her hiding. She has made several appearances when I have "game night" at my house and has been actively playing more than she did before, chasing balls and catching and chewing a furry toy. I love her dearly.

Thanks again for all you do, Neysa



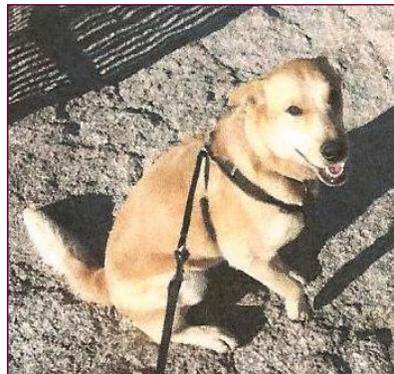
BOO

Freddy, Katie & Princess

Last summer we three cats went to Minnesota for four months with Mom and Dad. We cats get along like three peas in a pod and had a great time in our motor home. Our mom and dad adopted Freddy first, and then Birdie who is now Princess of all. Katie,



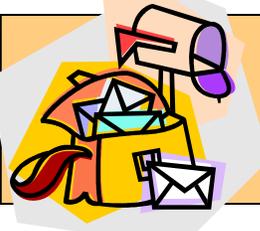
a Minnesota alley cat, came to Arizona with our mom and dad. There is much love, laughter and great times. If you are lonely, or just have a lot of love to give, visit our friends at The Animal League of Green Valley.



Kona

Kona is doing wonderfully. She plays with our Chihuahua and loves our ferrets. She gives them kisses (although I'm not sure they want the bath!). She had no problems with the family dogs at Christmas (7 total) and liked walking on (and eating) snow. Thanks for taking care of our baby until we could find her.

Ron Gulli



and more mail...

Baby Bear

Baby bear is now 30 lbs. and we are even more bonded with him, if that is possible. He is very inquisitive about everything and is quite the skilled entertainer. It is hard not to constantly watch him and all his antics. He loves playing with Zooie and Tank in the yard, going for walks, running with Collin, training and cuddling. He recently completed Puppy Training and also just attended a session on rattlesnake aversion training. Bear brings so much joy to us. We appreciate TALGV's wonderful work in placing pets and particularly Baby Bear! You are often in my thoughts and prayers when I think about Christmas Eve and adopting Bear. TALGV is such an outstanding animal shelter due to the caring, friendly and professional staff and the cleanliness of the facility. I can't tell you how much we appreciated our experience in adopting Bear.



Our heartfelt thank you and best wishes, Marilyn Stahl



Nelson and Laverne

We want to let you know that they are doing wonderfully. They are enjoying their daily walks and allowed the girls to walk them too. Laverne talks to us and lets the neighbors know she is there. Nelson has begun to play a little with us. They are both so lovable and bring joy to our lives. All is well. Again, we greatly appreciate all you did for us and you can visit them anytime

Thank You, Steve, Aubrey, Shawna & Rylee

Thank you so much for taking care of our babies for us until we were able to take them.

Annie

I'm Annie. I was adopted from TALGV in August 2005. I'm in charge of everything...I get my human up in the morning and sleep with her at night. I make her exercise by playing with me. She says I'm the best roommate and companion she's ever had. Thank you for taking care of me until I could find a home! (Annie's now 9 but acts like she's 2).



SCRUFFY

Scruffy wanted me to contact the staff at TALGV and thank you all for the card and well wishes. He says to tell you he is very happy and getting along wonderfully. We truly love him and will never give him up. While he rides very well he is reluctant to get in the truck. We think he is afraid we will take him back to the shelter. We do plan to bring him back for a visit when he realizes we won't give him up.

Thanks for your caring, Karen and Neil

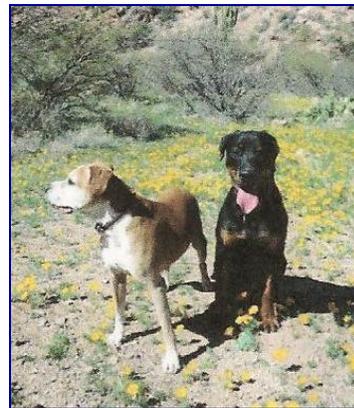


Olivia is a wonderful, gentle dog. She and Toby are inseparable. He adores her and she follows him everywhere. It is definitely a love story. She has bonded well with us, is very affectionate and loves to be petted. She is still shy with others but allows people to pet her. She was very gentle with the grandchildren when they were here to visit. The cats like her because she is gentler than Toby and just nuzzles them. She is a great addition to the household - a really sweet dog!

Sue and Dave Sach



Olivia



Raji

Thanks for having Raji, aka Copper Dan, when we came by. A serendipitous day for all involved. Raji has a wonderful life, caretakers, and dog companion. He's a good lad that needed a lot of love and exercise. You would not believe how adept he already is at canyon hiking over all sizes of boulders, working around difficult spots, and finding the best route through an area. He is a natural and also has an amazing master teacher, Dharma the Desert Dog.

Peace, Jim

MAX

Max has been neutered and is doing well. Thank you for all your kindness to your animals and potential adopters. Other organizations could learn from you!

Jean Burns

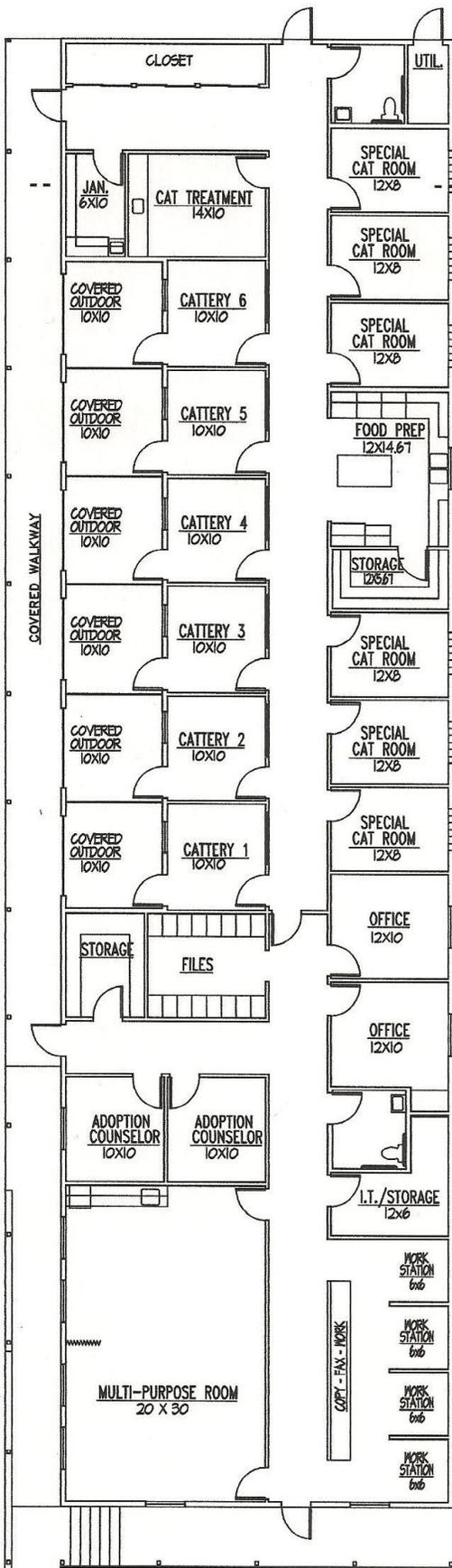


Snickers

Thank you for finding me a "forever" family. I love them and they love me. They give me Milk Bones just for pooping outdoors. Poppy Joe makes me want to behave and Grandma Jane likes to rub my belly. I try to keep them entertained by rolling on my back and wiggling just to hear them laugh. They know I will do anything for cheese, even going into my crate. I am happy here. Thank You.

Snickers (Gilbert) Bashara





Plan provided by
The Built Environment

TALGV BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE



Scale Back

After much consideration it has been agreed to scale back earlier plans to build new facilities for both dogs and cats as a single project. Our major concerns were increased cost estimates, funding and outgrowing our volunteer workforce.

Cat Space

We will, instead, build the joint project in two phases, the first being a new cat wing. This will double the space available for our 90 to 150 cats and provide a dedicated cat medical treatment room for routine health care. There are also six specialized care rooms for sick or injured cats, kittens and those with other special needs.

Dog Space

The existing cat rooms will be converted to additional dog kennels and the former cat kitchen will become a dog medical treatment room.

People Space

The new wing has also been designed to make long overdue improvements to our administration facilities, allowing greater privacy for adoption procedures, and a new IT center with up to six workstations. A multi-purpose room will allow much needed meeting and staff training facilities and a better option for public education.

Approval

The provisional drawings for the new wing have been approved by the Building Committee and the TALGV Board. The architect is developing detailed construction drawings which will allow contractors to bid the work in July and gain the approval of the Town of Sahuarita. Our hope is to at last break ground in September 2012.



Tipsy says, "The perfect companion never has fewer than four feet."

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