



Paw Prints

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

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TIPSY SAYS...

A Tipsy Interview by Linda Moser

Tipsy, our official TALGV spokescat and all-time longest resident, has graciously agreed to a Paw Prints interview.

Q: You've been here since May 7, 2007, Tipsy, so what kind of changes have you seen during that time?

Well, I don't want to brag, but since I've come here, the whole place has really grown into even more of a first-class organization under my "paws-on" style of management!

When I arrived, there was only one building housing the dogs, cats, staff offices, and the Attic. We were definitely crowded—there was one large room for all the cats, while five kennels and parts of the outside housed the dogs. Even though there were way fewer animals then (we only housed about 60), we were bursting at the seams.

"We need more space," I told them, so in 2008 the "West Wing" extension was added, providing nine new dog kennels and giving cats most of the rooms in the original building.

Q: How did you originally come to live in the old office instead of with the other cats?

I tested positive for FIV, and at that time there wasn't enough space to

separate any "special" cats—and I was the only FIV-positive cat anyway.

Q: Did you see a lot of action from your enclosure in the office?

It was fascinating! During the day when we were open, I spent most of my time in my "private cabin," especially when a lot of newly-arrived small dogs and puppies were sharing the offices because of space limitations. But after hours, I got to roam around the office, making sure

everything was okay. You'd be surprised at all the interesting nooks and crannies there are for a cat to explore. It was especially fun to hide before the volunteers arrived in the morning and then watch them play the "where's Tipsy?" game!

Q: I heard that you weren't terribly fond of dogs and had to put quite a few of them in their places!

Well, I was a stray when I was found, so I'd been looking over my shoulder for a while. Since I was considered "prey" by coyotes and free roaming dogs, I figured it'd be best to avoid all of them.

It took some time, but after a while I found that most of the dogs at TALGV weren't so bad after all. After hours I'd even sit close to the new little dogs housed in the office to keep them company and let them know everything was going to be okay. They seemed to appreciate that.

Q: You had a canine companion when you moved to the new offices; how did that go?

That *was* a surprise! One day they brought another dog in to share my space "for a while" and then she *stayed!* We had quite a few "discussions" about who was going to be boss, but then one day I decided it might actually be *nice* to have a full time companion, so Josie became the TALGV office spokesdog, and I had a new best friend. You just never know in life, do you?

Then one day, Josie found her own home with Barb & Tom James. I really missed her for a while, but she comes back to visit now and again, so we still keep in touch.

Q: I understand that after a few years we outgrew the West Wing addition.

Yep, after five years, we were overflowing again, so I said, "Excuse me, but don't you think it's about time to give cats their own space and let the dogs spread out? And heaven knows the



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THE ANIMAL LEAGUE OF GREEN VALLEY ANNUAL MEETING

TALGV will hold its 30th annual meeting for members
Friday - Dec. 2, 2016 @ 2 pm



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

The public is invited to attend

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poor Attic sure needs to expand since they provide so much of our income!" So that's what they did; the Attic expansion opened in August, 2011, and the new cat wing and offices were completed in 2013. Sometimes you just have to keep bugging people to get things done!



Q: You must have seen a lot of new programs added to what TALGV already provided back in 2007. Which is your personal favorite?

There have been so many good ones, but I'm really fond of the Free Vet Care for Life program that covers all pets over 10 years of age and all cats who are FIV or FeLV positive.

Q: At the age of 12 you're getting on up in years now, Topsy, and you're also FIV-positive, so you seem to be a "poster boy" for how well special-needs cats like you can live their lives.

OK, I've got to admit I'm beginning to get a bit creaky and ragged around the edges, but I'm hanging in there and still enjoy the odd dash down the hall to mangle a catnip mouse or a "chase the pen across the table" romp when the coordinators and Board meet! This place has so much going on that it keeps the old juices flowing.

And then there's all the attention I get, so that's pretty nice too (most pets only have a few humans to call their own, but I've got hundreds!). All in all, even though I never had what you'd call a "traditional" home, I've had an exciting and happy life here. There are all sorts of homes for pets, and this happens to be mine! As they say, "I ain't got no complaints!"

Molly

Thank you for the Paw Prints newsletter which reached me at my new address in Tacoma, WA. I'm very happy here and being spoiled by my mom, Gudie. In case you are wondering why I'm at the table, I'm waiting for my dinner. I'm the first at the table for breakfast, lunch & dinner. Life is good!!!!
Molly Cole



Sage (aka Little Bear) & Jesse (aka Fluffy)



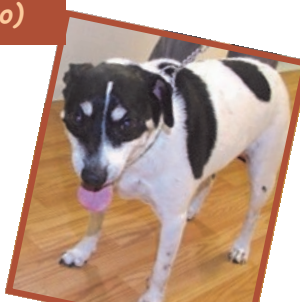
I'm a 5-month old sweet and loving girl, just adopted last month. My bother was adopted by a different family, but he lives near me, so we get together to wrestle and run all over the yard. I also like to dig holes, chew up magazines, and sneak up behind the family cat, even though she hisses at me. You folks at TALGV are THE BEST! Thanks for finding me a wonderful home.

Sage Peters

Spot (aka Domino)

Spot sends a big hello to everyone. He brings so much joy and happiness into our lives. There isn't a day goes by that he fails to amaze us with his smartness. He sure keeps us on our toes!!

Thanks to all of you,
Bob & Mickey Hardesty



Want to see your "baby" here? Send us a picture with a note!

JACK AND KATEY ~ OUR HEROES

BY Jennifer Symons

If you remember Lassie, the beautiful Collie TV star of yesteryear, you may also know the comedy routine that features Lassie barking a complicated emergency message. A human translates: "What's that, Lassie? Timmy has fallen in a well?" The bit is done for laughs; there never was an episode of the show in which Timmy, Lassie's boy, actually fell down a well. However, in real life, dogs *do* deliver emergency messages. Take, for instance, the case of Jack and the rattlesnake!

Jack is an Italian greyhound mix, a small guy at about 15 pounds, who was adopted from TALGV by Beth Spradling, a



TALGV volunteer. One day, Jack was in his own backyard, doing his regular walk around and sniff, when suddenly he started barking at some rocks. Immediately, Beth knew this was not casual barking. She saw him run to the rocks and away, again and again, barking all the time. She grabbed a broom, the only tool close at hand, and on turning

back could see that Jack had focused on one particular rock. He was barking urgently, clearly anxious but deliberately positioning himself between Beth and that one rock. Carefully, Beth looked behind the rock and spied a coiled rattlesnake. Once she and Jack were safely away, she called the fire department and the snake was relocated.

Jack has had snake aversion therapy; he has been taught that a rattlesnake is dangerous. His bark and alert behavior provided a warning to his person, who wisely took him seriously. Jack's choice to stand between his person and the danger made him a hero.

This summer at the Animal League, Katey, a mama Chihuahua, gave a very similar and important warning of danger.

In her run with her six tiny babies, Katey began barking urgently at her blue bed. The investigating volunteer heard hissing, so after taking Katey and the pups to a safe place, the bed was turned over and a small Gila monster was revealed! As most Arizonans are aware, a Gila monster sighting is somewhat rare, but they are venomous animals. In the end, no one was hurt—not even the Gila monster—thanks to Katey sounding the alarm.



Among all the important lessons we need to learn about desert wildlife and how to keep our dogs and cats safe, one near the top of the list is to pay attention when our companion animals try to tell us something. They won't be telling us that Timmy is in the well, and sometimes they're only saying that the neighbor just walked by, but there are those times when the instinct, courage and barking of a dog can save a life! They're not all TV stars, but every dog can be a hero.

You can still WIN THIS CAR!

The Animal League of Green Valley is part of the Jim Click *Millions for the Greater Tucson Area Raffle* for nonprofit organizations. This year, Mr. Click is donating a **2016 Ford Mustang Shelby GT350**

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The Ford Motor Company is building only 4,300 of these cars this year, making this a collector's item! The approximate MSRP is \$47,000. As an eligible 501 (c)(3) charity, TALGV is selling tickets for the raffle; and we keep 100% of our proceeds.



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Raffle drawing—Dec. 15, 2016

FIV & FeLV CATS

GIVE THEM A CHANCE

Tipsy TALGV's official spokesperson, is not the only FIV-positive cat at our facility. We have several more, ranging in age from 2 to 14 ½ years old. According to Ann Wyland, Cat Coordinator, they are "among the sweetest, kindest, most even-tempered cats that we have." Understandably, potential adopters worry about FIV-related issues and are unsure of how safe it is to take these cats home. However, with knowledge and responsible management, an FIV cat is a safe addition to your home.

An FIV-positive cat is not a danger to other cats in your household, provided they have a proper introductory period and that they are not inclined to fight. Tipsy, for example, has successfully lived in an environment with many people, cats, and dogs for over nine years.

Is FIV the same as FeLV?

No, but the two conditions are frequently confused. Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV) suppresses a cat's immune system and can cause anemia and lymphoma. FeLV is found in saliva and urine; and it is transferable to other cats via bites, mutual grooming, shared water and food bowls, or a shared litter pan. An FeLV-positive cat should not live with non-infected cats. Only cats can contract FeLV; it cannot be spread to humans or other animals.

What is FIV?

Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) is a lentivirus that progresses very slowly, gradually weakening a cat's immune system and eventually making the cat susceptible to other infections.

Can an FIV-positive cat infect others?

FIV only infects cats; it is **NOT transferable to humans**, dogs, rabbits, birds, or any other animal species. There is no risk of cross infection. An FIV-positive cat *can* infect another cat, but only through a serious penetrating bite wound or a blood transfusion. The virus is not transmitted through casual cat-to-cat contact, social grooming, a shared litterbox, or by a human handling an infected cat and then petting another cat. The majority of infections are passed by fights between unneutered, aggressive males, or to kittens via the mother cat's milk.



Currently, TALGV has one cat that is FeLV-positive and will provide **free life-long medical care** for him. If you already own a cat with FeLV, please consider adopting a companion that also has this infection.

Extra-special cats make extra-special pets

Call TALGV (520-625-3170) and ask for Ann Wyland, Cat Coordinator, for more

information about Mr. Kitty Cat, Bashful, Suttles, Chester, Bonito, Oliver, and Ariel (our FIV cats) or Charlie (FeLV).

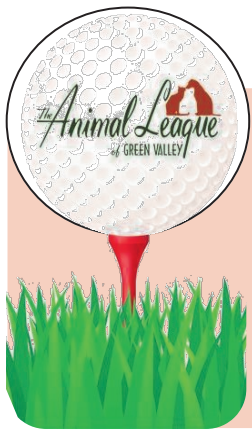
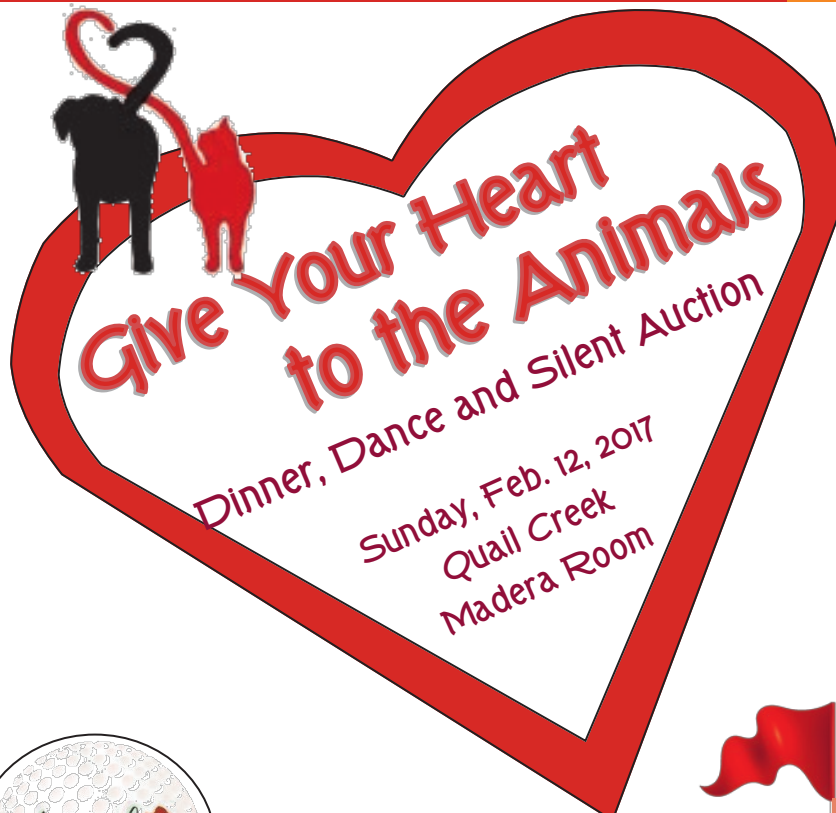
All will make loving home companions—will you give one or more of them a forever home?

What will happen to my FIV cat?

Most cats with FIV will live a long, healthy, normal life, with little evidence of the disease. Since their immune systems are weakened, however, they are more prone to secondary infections, and should have regular vet care. To lower costs, TALGV will provide **free life-long medical care** for any FIV-positive cats that you adopt.

FREE MEDICAL CARE FOR LIFE

Looking Forward to 2017



DOIN' IT FORE THE ANIMALS

TALGV's 6th Annual Golf Tournament
Monday, May 1 @ Desert Hills Golf Club
Registration forms available soon

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Quail Creek Madera Room

wish list



- ◆ Dog Collars ◆ Dog Leashes ~ 5' to 6' Long ◆
- ◆ Cat Toys ~ Mice, Wands, Balls (NO Bells 🛎, please) ◆
- ◆ Break-away Cat Collars ◆ Little Friskies Canned Cat Food ◆
- ◆ Scoopable Clumping Cat Litter ◆
- ◆ Outreach needs Dog Leashes & Harnesses in All Sizes ◆
- ◆ Wet Dog Food ◆ Wet or Dry Cat Food ◆ Cat Litter ◆
- ◆ New or Slightly Used Dog & Cat Toys ◆



A bi-partisan quiz of

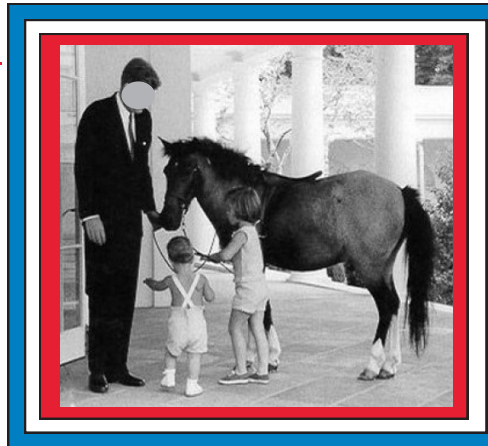
Presidential Pets

Can you identify these famous pets and their presidents?

#1

"We did get something, a gift... after the election. I just want to say this, right now, that regardless of what they say about it, we are going to keep [the dog]"

#2



#3



#4



#5

When accused of sending a US Navy destroyer to the Aleutian Islands (at taxpayer expense) to retrieve his dog, this president responded:

"I don't resent attacks, but [the dog] does resent them. He has not been the same dog since. I am accustomed to hearing malicious falsehoods about myself... but I think I have a right to resent, to object, to libelous statements about my dog."

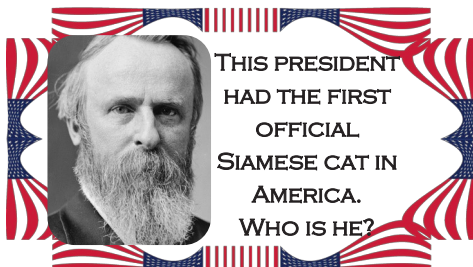
#6

Who had a polydactyl cat considered "too wild" to live at the White House?

#7



#8



THIS PRESIDENT HAD THE FIRST OFFICIAL SIAMESE CAT IN AMERICA. WHO IS HE?

#9

Which president supposedly said, "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog"?

#10



Answers:

- #1: "Checkers" speech / Richard M. Nixon /
#2: "Macaroni" / John F. Kennedy /
#3: "Rex" / Ronald Reagan
#4: "Millie" / George H.W. Bush
#5: "Fala" speech / Franklin D. Roosevelt /
#6: George W. Bush / "Ernie"
#7: "Him" / Lyndon B. Johnson
#8: Ruthenford B. Hayes / "Siam" / Sent by the American Consul in Bangkok in 1878
#9: Harry S. Truman
#10: "Socks" / Bill Clinton

A Match Made in Heaven

By Linda Haggerty

Dorothy



Dorothy Hurlburt (91) has lived in Green Valley for 15 years and has owned dogs for 65 years. Last October, she had to say goodbye to her beloved 14-year-old dog, LuLu. It was hard. Dorothy lives alone and she had lost her best friend. Then in December, Rosie came into Dorothy's life and she had a new best friend. Sadly, she lost Rosie to cancer in July. It was not fair. Dorothy wasn't sure she ever wanted to get another dog. She was very lonely.

Dudley

Dudley is a 13-year-old blind Queensland Heeler. He was adopted from TALGV in March 2004, and had been with his people for twelve good years. Then they had to move to a place where Dudley could not go. So, he ended up back at The Animal League, where he was remembered. He got excellent care and loving at the shelter, but it was not the same as being with his family. Dudley managed being blind very well, and he was in pretty good physical shape, but it was going to be difficult to find him a new home.



A Good Samaritan

A neighbor happened to see Dudley's bio in the Green Valley News and wondered if Dorothy might take a chance on Dudley. They arranged a visit, and everyone agreed it looked like a good match. On August 30, Dorothy adopted Dudley and took him home.

Home Together

Dorothy and Dudley can be spotted in the Continental Vistas neighborhood having a nice walk on cool mornings. Dudley enjoys lounging on Dorothy's back patio after his morning walk, and likes the front patio for late afternoon naps, but usually prefers to sleep in the kitchen...that's where the food comes from. He finds his way around the house and is settling in nicely. Sometimes he puts his head on Dorothy's lap while they both listen to books on tape.

Dudley takes care of Dorothy, and Dorothy takes care of Dudley.

Perfect!

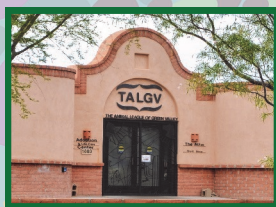


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