

# Paw Prints

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

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## What's In A Breed?

by Kathleen Vishner

Cats are perfect. Ask anyone with the privilege of caring for one or two or three of them. And kittens? Surely they are the cutest creatures on earth. And of these perfect cats, by far the most prevalent is the Domestic Shorthair (or DSH for short).

Ninety-five percent of the domesticated (as opposed to wild) cats in North America are DSH felines. They are the type most often found in shelters, humane societies, and rescue groups. But oddly enough, despite its popularity, the DSH is not recognized as a specific *breed* by those in the know. It is not one of the 32 breeds recognized by the Governing Council of the Cat Fancy, nor one of the 42 breeds recognized by the Cat Fanciers' Association, nor one of the 71 breeds recognized by The International Cat Association. Why is that?



Well, to understand why, some terms need to be defined.

Cat enthusiasts who show or breed cats as a hobby are known as cat fanciers. Cat fanciers register their cats with cat registries, such as the Cat Fanciers' Association mentioned above. Cat registries define what constitutes a breed and also develop standards used in judging the cats and kittens entered in registry-licensed shows.

The Domestic Shorthair (not to be confused with the American or British Shorthair) is difficult to fit into a tidy list of registry standards. These cats have no uniform coat *pattern* and can therefore be solid or tabby or tuxedo or calico or tortoiseshell. They have no uniform coat *color*, and can therefore be black or white or orange or silver or blue or smoke or some delightful mix of such.

They have no uniform eye color, and can therefore stare at you through orbs of gold or yellow or green or blue, or through eyes of differing colors each. No, the DSH is too round a peg to fit into the square hole of standards.



But registries have yet another issue with this non-breed—a lack of family tree. Most Domestic Shorthair cats have no documented genealogy and are somewhat delicately described as “cats with no clear ancestry.” Although the larger gene pool of the DSH may make it more intelligent and healthier than its bredred brethren, registries only keep records on purebreds (those descended from the same breed) or pedigrees (those descended from different breeds). It doesn't seem to matter that Domestic Shorthair cats are thought to have come over on the Mayflower—a fine lineage indeed—if you don't know your DSH kitty's begats, you will not be-getting the benefit of a begot.

However, don't fret. If you *must* enter your DSH in a show, you can usually do so under the category of “Household Pet.” A note of caution though. Your cat will be handled—from the tops of his ears through the tip of his tail—by a judge. Many DSH cats don't like this. So be aware that if your cat bites the judge, howls at him, squirms about, hisses, or attempts to scratch the judge, your cat is unlikely to win the event.

But do you really care? After all, if your perfect cat has accepted you—you with all your imperfections—and trained you to be a tolerable companion, isn't it *you* who will always be a winner?







# Mail from our friends



*Dahlia*

Here are some pictures of our puppy, Dahlia, who we adopted from TALGV last year. She is such an incredible dog—SO smart and silly! She has the biggest personality out of any dog I have ever met. We are so thankful for her and for TALGV for saving her.

Enaida Hughes



*Sarah (aka Sunshine)*

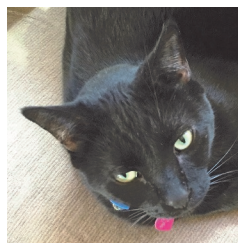


Hello from my Sarah, adopted in 2003 from your shelter. Then, she was very light colored, almost white; she now is vivid calico. We have moved to Oregon and she loves it here in the country. Sarah was featured in a book I wrote for my aging mother—she was the good listener.

Thanks for a nice companion cat.

Jane Rader

*Boozer & Pepper*



My name is Boozer & I have been in my forever home for nearly 3 years. It took me awhile, but I now have my parents trained to know when I like to eat and what to feed me. About a year ago, my parents adopted Pepper, another black cat. We get

along pretty well, although sometimes she sleeps in my spot on the bed, and if I don't watch her carefully she will snatch some of my treats. We're two pretty lucky black cats, I guess.

With loves and purrs for all of you,  
Boozer & Pepper Cooke



*Merry*

I have a laid-back routine with Larry & Alice. Basically, we three like to eat, nap and get some exercise every day. I don't view my blindness as a handicapping condition, and neither do they. I work at teaching them things each day. They are learning that PERSISTENCE is important in their daily lives. PATIENCE is another virtue I am trying to teach them. UNDERSTANDING why some situations are what they are can also be

a difficult concept, but they watch me and I try to set a good example for them. Right now I think those three things are enough of a challenge for them. All of you at the Animal League were so kind, and I thank you in my prayers everyday.

Merry Prall

*Sugar (aka Bella Donna)*



I have had an amazing year becoming familiar with my house here in Green Valley and traveling across

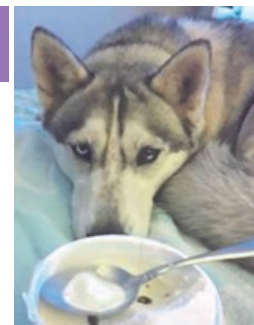
the United States in my house on wheels during the summer months. Being in that moving house was scary at first, but once I got used to it, I became a seasoned traveler. I made many new friends—my mama calls me a real socialite.

Life is SOOOO good!  
Sugar Dye

*Pi (aka Beauty)*

It has been a little over a year since we brought our Pi home. She has been a blessing to us.

Kendra Smith



- ◆ Cat Tree ◆ Little Friskies canned cat food ◆
- ◆ Cat toys (feather wands, mice) ◆
- ◆ Dog Food or Cat Food (any kind) ◆ Collars, Harnesses & Leashes ◆
- ◆ Kitty Litter ◆ Toys for Dogs or Cats ◆



# Valentine to the Rescue



Valentine's story has mystery, heartache, compassion and joy, and it's all true. Three puppies were born to a mother dog too old and sick to care for them. Their survival was at stake because the puppies wouldn't take bottles in foster care. And that's when Valentine arrived. No one knew where she came from—it seemed a kind of miracle. She had just given birth; but, sadly, her babies weren't found. Valentine was still ready to be a mother and willingly nurtured those three puppies who desperately needed her. Today, Valentine and her pups are thriving and ready for a happy, carefree future.



*Amor*



*Archer*



*Lovey*



## Most Popular Dog Names In 2015

### For Male Dogs:

Max  
Charlie  
Buddy  
Cooper  
Jack  
Rocky  
Toby  
Duke  
Bear  
Tucker

### For Female Dogs:

Belle  
Lucy  
Daisy  
Molly  
Lola  
Sadie  
Maggie  
Sophie  
Chloe  
Bailey



*Give Your Heart to the Animals  
raised over \$10,000*



The 60's Garage Band set the tone...

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and contributors.



Silent Auction items were a big hit.



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please accept our  
apology.*

TALGV does not sell, lease,  
or share donor information.



# Looking forward...



## DOIN' IT FORE THE ANIMALS!

### 5th Annual Golf Tournament and FUNdraiser

**Monday, May 2nd @ Desert Hills Golf Club**

**8:30 Shotgun Start**

- 🐾 \$75 per golfer which includes green fees with a cart, box lunch, prizes and a donation to the animals!
- 🐾 Format is a 4 person scramble with 3 divisions: Men, Ladies and Mixed (at least one lady included)
- 🐾 Open to the Public - Sign up solo or with friends
- 🐾 Registration Forms available at The Animal League, Desert Hills Golf Club and several other golf courses (deadline for registration is April 14)
- 🐾 Questions? Contact Rose Welliver at 520.665.9720 or rmw55@msn.com



**GOLF**



*Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon*

**Monday, April 4, 2016 @ 1pm**  
*Quail Creek Madera Room*  
 Sign up at TALGV by March 27

See you there!






**April 30** *National Adopt-A-Shelter-Pet Day*

*The Picture of Success*



**Cheeto & Lil' Pumpkin**  
 Best friends and adopted together

Petco Community's   

## Most Popular Cat Names in 2015

For Male Cats:		For Female Cats:	
Oliver	Simba	Luna	Callie
Charlie	Smokey	Bella	Nala
Max	Jack	Lucy	Lily
Leo	Tiger	Kitty	Gracie
Milo	Kitty	Chloe	Daisy

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# Saving Lucy








Lucy has an amazing story which leaves even experienced dog people speechless! It started with a quiet rescue. Lucy was lost and too bashful to be caught until someone offered chicken, which she found irresistible. TALGV was full, so she went to board at a vet's office, where they found a lump on her side. Something metal



was sticking through her skin! They pulled, it wouldn't budge, and so they x-rayed. Lucy had an 8-inch Phillips-head screwdriver in her stomach! Off to surgery she went, the screwdriver was removed, and no related damage was found. Now Lucy is healed up and ready for her forever home.

## 2015 in Review

Thanks to **YOU** — our many volunteers, supporters & friends — during 2015, The Animal League of Green Valley:

-  Took in **411** cats and **572** dogs.
-  Found homes for **367** cats and **503** dogs.
-  Reunited **7** cats and **61** dogs with their owners.
-  Spent **\$354,718** on medical care for sick and injured cats and dogs.
-  Spent **\$131,541** to spay or neuter pets in our Outreach program.
-  Generated **half** of the year's proceeds from The Attic Thrift Store.
-  Had **600** volunteers...and **NO paid staff**.. who worked a total of **123,417** hours.



*One of our donors wrote:  
"A thousand years  
from now...*

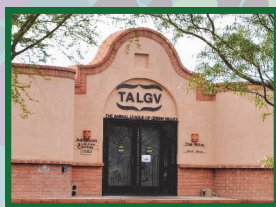
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