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## Finding a Home for Every Pet

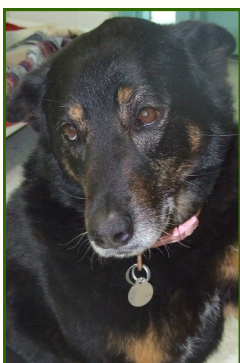
TALGV's mission is 'A Home for Every Pet'.  
Sometimes it takes patience and time to find that special home.



### Maxine and Ceazar

When Maxine and Ceazar arrived at TALGV back in February 2014, they'd lost their lifetime home and family to divorce and eviction. The volunteers knew that it would take a special someone to take on two big dogs who, dependent on each other and entering their

"golden years," needed to stay together. They were housebroken, leash trained and got along with other dogs, but they were having their grumpy days as well as their good days. Still, the payback could be immense for people who understood what would



bring happiness to this old, displaced pair.

It was a long wait but finally those people arrived and fell in love with these two deserving siblings. Maxine and Ceazar have found another place in the world with people who are showing them that life does go on, and just as happily as before!



### Going Home!



### Archie

It was February, 2008, when a kind lady found a young orange cat at San Ignacio Golf Estates and named him "Archie" after the red-haired, teenage comic book character she remembered from her youth. She brought him to TALGV, sure that he would be adopted, but after seven long years many of the volunteers thought that Archie was destined to live out his life watching other cats come and go and never

finding that one special person or family to call his own. So, it was a very happy day in May, when Archie finally chose his human soulmate and their new life began.

### Partridge and Pear Tree

At the age of 10, Partridge and Pear Tree were considered "seniors." They had been together all their lives. Now, their owner was too ill to keep them and so they arrived at TALGV in March 2014. The volunteers knew that finding a home for two senior cats who needed to stay together was not going to be easy.



Partridge and Pear Tree and the volunteers waited 14 long months for someone to come along who understood the need to give these two devoted seniors their second chance at life in a loving, forever home.



# Protecting Your Dog from the Summer Sun

**#1 – Walk Early in the Morning or Evening** The sun's rays are the worst between 10am and 4pm. Limit time outside during these hours.

**#2 – Check the Ground Before Walking** Be sure the ground is not too hot for your dog's paws – they can burn! A good test is to stick your own hand or arm on the ground. If you can leave it there for five seconds, it's okay for your dog to walk on it. When in doubt, consider putting booties on your dog's paws.

**#3 – Give them shade** If you are staying outside, make sure your dog has shade he can get to. If there is no natural shade, create some with a patio umbrella or a canopy.

**#4 – Tint Your Windows** If your dog spends long hours napping in the sun streaming through your window, he is still getting those harmful UV-rays. You can tint the windows on your house with films that offer UV-filtering protection. It will also help you save money on your cooling bills!

**#5 – Sun Protective Clothing** They make summer clothes for dogs, such as jackets and sunglasses, which are made to block rays as well. Look for tags with "Ultraviolet Protection Factor" (UPF) of at least 30.

**#6 – Don't Forget the Belly** Be sure to cover the belly on your short-haired breeds – the sun's rays are reflected off sand, concrete, water etc., and can not only burn your dog, but increase the chance for skin cancer. So put a shirt on him, or stay off hot, reflective surfaces and opt for those shady, grassy spots.

**#7 – Use an Umbrella** Walking with a UV blocking umbrella can really help keep those harmful rays off you and your dog when you are out for a walk. It provides constant shade, keeping you both cooler.

**#8 – Keep That Coat!** Don't shave your dog. Although your dog may seem hot, his coat actually works to insulate him against the heat AND keeps those harmful rays away from his sensitive skin.

**#9 – Use Sunscreen** Make sure you put sunscreen on any area where your dog's skin is exposed: nose, paws, underbelly, etc. This includes that pink skin that shows through on short-haired dogs.

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# LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT



**S**erendipity...Fate...Kismet... Call it what you will, but for Rio, a handsome, 5-year-old black Lab from Rio Rico, and the folks at St. Luke's Home in Tucson, it was love at first sight!

The day back in September 2014 when the TALGV office received two calls—one from the owner of Rio needing to rehome him, and one from St. Luke's looking for a companion dog for their some 65 residents (they prefer the more respectful term "elders" to "seniors"), our perceptive receptionist said, "Hey, I wonder if these would be a match?" And indeed they were.

St. Luke's Home is an assisted-living facility governed by the principles of the "Eden Alternative." It is one of five elder-centered communities in the Southwest committed to creating a "human habitat" where life revolves around close and continuing contact with plants, animals, and children, and creates the opportunity for those living there to give as well as receive care.

Upon learning that TALGV might have the perfect dog for them, not only the administrators but an entire busload of elders made the trip to Green Valley to meet their potential new resident, and after meeting Rio there was no question that this was the dog for them. The match was made.

Not that he wasn't "just perfect" to begin with, but in order to keep both Rio and the residents safe, the 70-pound addition to their home needed a bit of additional training. They had to be sure he wouldn't go out open doors unaccompanied, would walk and heel easily on leash, and learn to pace himself to each individual walker's speed.

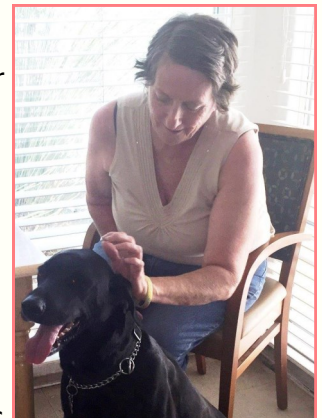
A wonderful trainer from Central Pet came to the rescue and worked with both the elders and staff; and quick learner that he is, Rio has become an indispensable, impeccably behaved member of the St. Luke's community.



Although he has chosen one particular resident as "his own," Rio shares his time with everyone who lives at or visits the facility - greeting callers with an enthusiastic tail wag, a "check-you-out" sniff, and a lick to let you know how happy he is to have met you. He often "sits in" under the table during

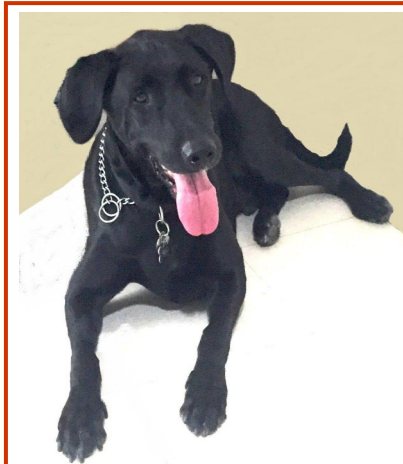
staff meetings, and has proven invaluable in the medication room, where he reassures and calms those receiving care that things will be just fine with him by their side.

St. Luke's currently has two other dogs and several cats and birds that belong to individual elders, along with two desert tortoises, Erik the cockatiel, and a few community cats that visit each morning and evening for their daily meals. But Rio is the "star of the show"—sharing his joie de vivre with everyone he meets.



More assisted living communities would do well to follow the example of St. Luke's philosophy that "people come here to live, not to die." The happiness and enthusiasm for life that the elders display in their interaction with the public and amongst themselves is in no small part due to the fact that they are allowed and encouraged to share their lives with other living things.

The serendipity of circumstances that brought everyone together that day in September has added a new dimension to the lives of the staff and elders at St. Luke's and given Rio a special place in the hearts of many caring and devoted people.



**Thanks to the compassionate elders and staff at St. Luke's, Rio has found his forever home. Rio knows how lucky he is and hopes the other dogs and cats at TALGV will be as fortunate. Please consider adopting one of our loving cats or dogs; and together we can find "A Home For Every Pet."**

# “Volunteers are the ❤️ of TALGV”



The venue for our 11th annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was the beautiful Quail Creek Crystal Ballroom. Over 250 TALGV volunteers were treated to lunch, free raffle prizes, and fabulous t-shirts designed by our very own Ashley Weymouth. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers. You truly are the heart of TALGV!



## FORE THE ANIMALS



The 4th Annual TALGV Golf Tournament & FUNdraiser was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at Desert Hills Golf Club.

Prizes for the winners, raffle prizes and a chance to win a golf car added to the fun but the real winners were the animals.

Thanks to the golfers, sponsors, volunteers and the staff at Desert Hills, \$12,000 was raised for TALGV.



TALGV volunteers get ready for the big day.



**Ladies Flight Winners**  
Linda Simpkins, Sonja Finkes,  
Jenn Coleman, and Barb Dawes



**Mixed Flight Winners**  
Gayle Clark, Mike Clark,  
Barbara Schmitt and Jim Hudson.



**Men's Flight Winners**  
Nello Morganti, Hank Chulmovich,

# Shaping the Future of Animal Rescue



The cats love them, the dogs love them, and we love them too. Who are they? Our 2015 YIPs. As our seasonal volunteers left for the summer, the plaintive and desperate question

from the remaining volunteers was, "When do the YIPs arrive?" The crew of 53 teens arrived for training on May 26-28 and will be with us until July 26 after which they will be returning to their full-time job: high school. They, like the rest of us at TALGV, are volunteers paid in purrs, puppy kisses, and the knowledge that what they are doing is making the world a better place.



It starts and ends with love and compassion and in between there is lots of cleaning, brushing, petting, feeding, walking, training, poop scooping, patience, and hugging. Without a doubt, these YIPs are exceptional,

individually and as a group. And that is as it should be because they are "shaping the future of animal rescue", now and going forward. When they tell us, "This is my passion," "I love what I am doing," "I feel so good when I'm here," "I feel like I am making a difference"...we know that they will!



## Cookies Sales Benefit the Animals



The Girl Scout slogan, which has been used since 1912, is "Do a good turn daily." Recently, a Girl Scout troop from Sahuarita decided to do a good turn for the animals at TALGV.

Their extremely generous donation of \$250 was earned selling Girl Scout Cookies and rather than spend the money on an outing or treat for their troop they chose to help the animals.

The girls also brought a basket of their homemade dog treats, handmade feathered cat toys, and five bags of multi-flavored cat treats.

MANY THANKS to Troop Leader Tamara Mitchell and Girl Scout Daisy Troop 114 from the cats, dogs, puppies, kittens and people at TALGV!



**TALGV Director, Jean Davis (far right) accepts a check for \$250 and a basket of treats for the animals.**



# Mail from our friends...



## Beau

Beau is the dearest little creature we have ever known! He seems to like spending the summer in Oregon, but not the rain. He and Jim go to the Doggy Park by the Willamette River every day and enjoy long walks there. When I'm away, Beau is a great companion for Jim and our cat, Winnie. He's an amazingly cuddly little dog who really likes people. So glad we raced down to Green Valley from Tucson on Monday morning after seeing his "new" listing online Sunday night!! We are very, very fortunate to have adopted him! With ongoing appreciation for all you do,  
Bobbie and Jim Barg



## Chester



Chester is such a wonderful dog. We love him so much and I think he loves us too! He has become such a handsome boy, weighing in at 62 pounds. He loves to be walked and loves to go along for a bike ride. He's such a smart boy, he was potty trained after 4 days at home with us and he was kennel trained within one week. He knows

how to sit and stay and is very cautious of anyone he doesn't know coming to our home. Our family absolutely loves Chester and everyone he meets says he is a very gentle and sweet dog. He definitely is a Mama's boy. We love him so much and are so thankful that we have him as part of our family. Thank you for letting us adopt him!

Sincerely, Leslie A. Baker



## Sylvester

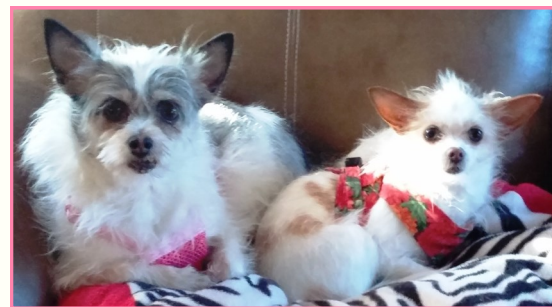
Hi, my name is Sylvester. Mary adopted me in November 2014. She wanted another cat to be a buddy for her cat Pumpkin. Within one day we met and were instant friends. We are the same age, so we have a lot in common. May gives us free rein on the whole house. We like to play together, cuddle together, clean each other, and just hang out together. Mary is always taking pictures of us because we are so cute! We have lots of toys and I am really good about taking them all out of the basket until I find the one I want to play with, but I never put the toys away (have not learned this skill yet). I sit by Mary at night and then sleep next to her in her bed - she loves both these things about me. I have to say, we are both pretty spoiled.



## Pepper and Lily

The girls are both doing so well and are happy and healthy. Such joy they bring to us and everyone they meet. A lot of people have noticed the huge difference in Pepper...she has come way out of her shell!!

Best to you  
and yours,  
Cherri Sissel



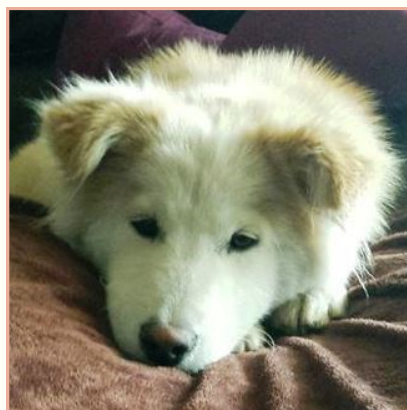
## Bobby



This wonderful dog has been a new focus in our lives! We are absolutely in love with this little guy, and he has stolen the hearts of all our neighbors and friends. He is such a happy, fun-loving guy who loves to play, and is really enjoying his fenced yard where he can run and play. He has a special friend, Dewey, a little Shi Tzu, and although they run and play, they just love to lie quietly, side by side, and just hang out together.

Karen and Lee Carmody

## Bodhi



It's been one year since Bodhi (Amigo) joined our family and we love him more today than the day we brought him home! He and Lucy Lu love each other and still play together all the time. We have been overjoyed with having him join the family. We love him more and more every day. Thank you so much for giving us so much joy!

Sayoko and Martin



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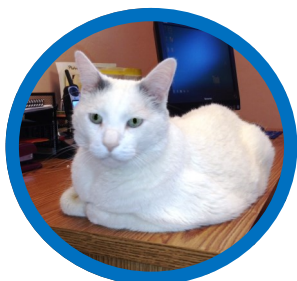
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