

Paw Prints



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'No Kill' Is Not Enough



The Animal League of Green Valley is what is popularly called a “no-kill” shelter. This means that we preserve the quality of life of each animal in our care for as long as possible. If a time comes when that is no longer feasible, the animal is humanely euthanized.

“No kill” is a concept to which we are firmly dedicated, but it is not enough! What is happening to those homeless animals who are not in our care, those we cannot accommodate because of lack of space or resources? As long as there are homeless pets in our community that are not being humanely cared for, we are not truly no-kill. Our vision is a community in which there are No More Homeless Pets. In the last several years, TALGV has introduced or expanded a number of its services to include those that are recognized as effective in



reducing the number of homeless pets:

- **A Strong spay/neuter program.** In addition to spaying and neutering all dogs and cats that are adopted from us TALGV provides low cost and free spay and neutering of pets for people who would not otherwise be able to afford it.
- **Community-wide education.** TALGV visits classrooms to educate children (and adults) about kindness to animals, prevention of animal cruelty, and the importance of animal population control.
- **Socializing, rehabilitating and training.** To ensure that every shelter resident is appealing and adoptable.
- **Abundant foster homes.** To provide safe and caring temporary lodging for homeless pets when the shelter is full.
- **Adoption follow-up and support.** Assist with training and advice so that adoptions will be successful.
- **Public-friendly hours.** Increase opportunities for adoption. We are now open 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 7 days a week and hope to further expand our public hours.

No More Homeless Pets is achievable with community support, and the Green Valley/Sahuarita community has shown over and over that it cares about the fate of animals in need.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if our community could become a model for No More Homeless Pets?

Jean Davis, TALGV President

Mahatma Gandhi wrote, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be measured by the way its animals are treated."

The Animal League was adopted. . . . by the Green Valley Gardeners, and the result is an inviting blend of plants and animals. The GV Gardeners selected TALGV as one of its community beautification projects and from October through March worked with us to plan and implement a landscape that would be beautiful, useful, and happy in our Southwest desert climate.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2009, under Chairman Mary Kidnocker, 12 GV Gardeners and 9 TALGV volunteers planted 7 fifteen-gallon "Art's Seedless" bi-color desert willow trees and 8 fifteen-gallon "Burgandy Lace" desert willow trees, along the east perimeter of the rear dog runs.

During the winter of 2010, "Fan-Tex Ash" trees were planted and carefully fenced (to protect them from digging by you know who) to provide shade inside each of the outdoor dog runs. This phase of the project was chaired by Ann Ketterer.

In late March 2010, Ann Ketterer of GV Gardeners and Vern Allred of TALGV laid out the plan for a winding path from the patio through the acacia trees, behind the new desert willows, and along the front of runs for visitors use when looking at the dogs.

GV Gardeners chose and purchased the path material (decomposed granite), and Vern and TALGV volunteers completed the path.

After the path was in place, GV Gardeners planted 10 "Furman's Red" Salvia scattered along the path to add color. They also chose and provided 5 Hopseed bushes for around the maintenance shed and 3 "Valentine" emu bushes to provide winter bloom at the entrance to the path.

We invite our community to visit this unique site. Sit for a while on a stone bench or wander a bit in the beautiful park-like setting; expect to be greeted by a happy dog walking along the path with its TALGV handler, and appreciate, as all of us at TALGV do, the generous and lasting contribution of the Green Valley Gardeners.

GV Gardener volunteers for this project were: Mary & Dwight Kidnocker, Ann & Gordon Ketterer, Peggy Cederstrom, Jan Nash, Susan Stickel (also a TALGV volunteer), Ralph Graden, Nancy Riordan, Chuck Parsons, Lois O'Brien, JoAnn Wilson, Leslie & Gary Campbell, Francis Howe, and Jackie Jensen.

Jean Davis, TALGV President



TALGV GOES

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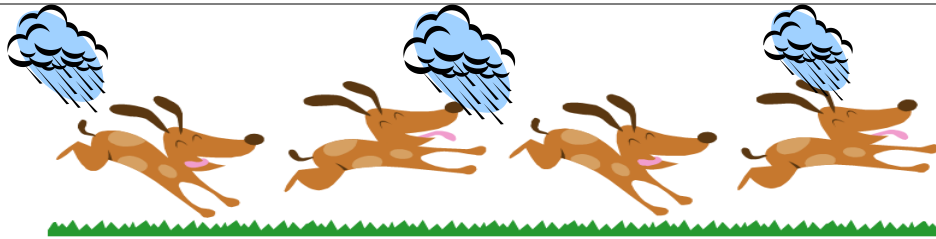
The Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge is on again and continues through Sunday, August 22.

Here's How it Works - It's easy and only takes a minute.

1. Go to www.theanimalrescuesite.com
2. Once there, click on the purple "Click to Give" tab.
3. When the next window appears, find the "VOTE TODAY" icon at the top and click on it.
4. In the next window, scroll down to "Search and Vote for a Shelter".
5. Type in "the Animal League of Green Valley" & "AZ".
(After the first day this will just appear automatically.)
6. Click on the "Vote" tab.
7. The next window asks you to confirm your vote by entering the type of animal shown.

Thank you for your help.

Together we can win for the animals!



Dancing in the Rain

The monsoon will be here before you know it along with some very strong thunderstorms. I discovered something interesting when raising my Border collie puppy at TALGV while I was the resident caretaker. I always loved a good storm and watching nature's dramatic show was always fascinating for me. I took my 8 month old puppy outside as the first monsoon storm was approaching and we watched it together. The idea here was to make it very enjoyable...like a great event. The closer the storm became, the more positive I would get with happy talk and anticipation. My dog fed off my energy, and we made it an extremely fun time together. Now 6 years later when a storm approaches she goes outside, lies on the patio and waits for its arrival. Sometimes it's all I can do to keep her from dancing in the rain.

This method is called desensitizing; exposing your dog to a stimulus gradually so that it does not become fearful. Of course this is easier to do when a dog is young. This method worked very well for me, and I recommend it if you have a young dog that has not already developed storm fear issues.

If you have a dog that has developed a fear of storms, know that there are a lot of helpful suggestions on the internet and in dog behavior books. Do a simple search online by typing in "dogs and thunderstorms" and you will find great advice from behaviorists, trainers, and veterinarians.

Dogs, like people are all different and what works for one dog might not work for another. It is important not to coddle or soothe a dog when it is scared. You may inadvertently reinforce the fearful behavior. Better to give the dog a place to go such as a closet, covered crate, or closed bathroom away from the lightning flashes and loud thunder. Be very nonchalant about the storm and be careful not to add to your dog's nervousness by being nervous yourself. Break out the best treats during a storm and make it a positive experience for your dog. Do your research on the subject. Fill your toolbox with different methods until you find one that works for you and your dog.

Roger Nelson, Green Valley Canine

Purrs and Wags

Mary Gay, TALGV's longest serving volunteer, recently announced her retirement from the Board she has been a member of since 1999. Even Mary does not remember exactly when she joined the TALGV family, but she worked with Margaret Roesch, our founder, and others to build an organization that is dedicated to the welfare of the pets we shelter.



Mary has seen TALGV's pet population grow from a handful of animals when the building opened in 2001 to more than 150 today. She was an Attic volunteer when it began business and has served as corporate secretary and treasurer. Besides her service to TALGV, Mary has personally paid for care of many needy animals.

Mary's husband John has also been a devoted volunteer. He and his trusty backhoe have always been ready to help with projects involving land clearing and leveling, plumbing, irrigation, and site maps.

Mary plans to spend her new found leisure time gardening, enjoying the books she hasn't had time to read, and caring for their cat and dog, as well as five stray cats who want to adopt them.

We can never thank Mary enough for all she has done for TALGV. We will miss her warmth and wisdom, and we wish her well. Please, dear friend, visit us often and know that you are always close in our hearts.

Carol Buckles, TALGV Secretary/Treasurer

HAPPY TAILS

by Artie Collins and Terri Nelson

Chanel



Chanel, a one-year-old ebony princess, was found wandering near Mission Twin Buttes Road in May 2008. Much

to her rescuer's dismay, an allergy to cats meant she couldn't give Chanel a lasting home, so she brought her into The Animal League. Being such a shy little lady, she didn't socialize much with the other cats and sought out her own little corner to while away the hours.

Chanel lived at The Animal League for the next two years, and because of her reserve, was not readily noticed amid all her outgoing and "in-your-face" roommates. Finally one of the volunteers decided to make Chanel her "cause" and made an effort to bring her out of her shell. With lots of one-on-one attention, Cathy quickly became Chanel's best friend, playing with her and sometimes just sitting quietly together to let her know that she was just as important and adoptable as all the other felines. It wasn't long before the two of them bonded so closely that Cathy adopted Chanel herself!

Now Chanel has a forever home that she shares with three other cats and they get along just fine. The grand dame, 14-year-old Cholla, is still not too sure of Chanel, but they will eventually become friends - Cathy and Chanel are sure of it!

Chanel loves to play with balls with bells in them and she and the others race through the house with the "crazies" that they get every day. She gives lots of purrs and head bumps, just to show how appreciative she is that Cathy had the patience and love to make her whole.

At last! A home and people she can call her own forever!

Sammy

Sammy, an impressive, five-year-old St. Bernard mix, was found lying alongside the road in a remote desert

area west of Green Valley. He had severe wounds inflicted by a wild animal of some sort (it must have been a big one!), and his rescuer took him home and tenderly nursed him back to health. Sadly, she wasn't able to keep him because she was moving, so she brought him to The Animal League. It was Sammy's lucky day! He was neutered,



given all his shots, and lovingly cared for until he was totally back on his feet.

A big dog has big needs, and it was looking like the League was going to be Sammy's forever home, when one day, after thirteen months, Tom strolled by Sammy's play yard, spotted him (he wasn't hard to miss!), and fell in love. Tom seemed to recognize their mutual need, and took Sammy home with him that very day. How blessed can one dog (and one person!) get?

Sammy now has a loving home with Tom, which includes his own swimming pool, toys, and even horses! He is very protective of his dad and isn't wild about strangers, but Tom is working on that so he will be less wary and more trusting. They take a long walk every morning, and Sammy is learning that he is now in a safe, enduring place. They both know that they were meant for each other!



TALGV VOLUNTEERS GO THE EXTRA MILE



TALGV Volunteers celebrated the sixth annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 16 at the American Legion Hall. The first two luncheons were held in the Attic warehouse before it became overwhelmed with merchandise, and they were attended by less than 50 volunteers. Luncheons then moved to the Legion Hall to accommodate the growing number of volunteers. This year, almost 200 volunteers attended.

The luncheon was planned by the Special Events Committee, and the theme chosen was "TALGV Volunteers Go The Extra Mile". To reflect the theme, table decorations were NASCAR checkered flags, with volunteer gifts of insulated water bottle holders and pedometers.



A delicious luncheon served by Legion volunteers was followed by the Parade of Volunteers program starting off with a Linda Gregory DVD about the Pet Therapy group. This was followed by a parade of two or three volunteers from each service "modeling" the apparel worn and equipment used. The script, which summarized the responsibilities of each service, was written and narrated by Nancy Arnold. Before closing, there was a raffle of donated door prizes won by lucky volunteers.



Attendance at the luncheon made us all aware of how much we have grown in a very short time. Kennel space has doubled, animal intakes and adoptions have gone off the charts, volunteers have increased, services have expanded, and TALGV has become a major presence in the Green Valley/Sahuarita community. Thanks to all the TALGV volunteers who have truly gone extra miles to make this happen.

Ann Slagter, TALGV Administrative Coordinator

Joyce Parchuta became the newest member of The Animal League Board of Directors in June when she accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy resulting from the retirement of Mary Gay. Joyce has been a TALGV volunteer since 2006, and currently is the Saturday Dog Handler Coordinator.

Joyce was born in Chicago, Illinois, where she lived until her retirement in 1996 when she moved to the house she had built on a lake in Indiana. When Joyce graduated from high school in 1957, she planned to take the summer off, but her mother had other ideas and sent her to the Avon products plant to get a job. Joyce was hired and spent the next 37 years there, many of them as a supervisor in a variety of departments from warehouse inventory and packaging to quality control.

**Welcome
Joyce
Parchuta**



When visiting friends in Arizona after retirement, her first response was, "No way," but after 3 visits one year, she (like many of us) changed her mind, and bought her Green Valley home, planning to spend 6 months here and 6 months in Indiana. It wasn't long, however, before she became a full-time Zonie. One of Joyce's high school friends, Kathy Huston, had come west 30 plus years before and raised her family in Arizona. Eventually their paths crossed again, and today they are housemates, and Kathy, too, is a TALGV volunteer.

Joyce is aunt to two rescue cats and two dogs, one of which is Bailey from TALGV. She is an avid golfer and hiker, but it is suspected that most of her hiking time is now being spent walking TALGV dogs.

Jean Davis, TALGV President



**We know you
think we're
perfect,**

**but we need
to be fixed.**



SHERIFF'S AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS

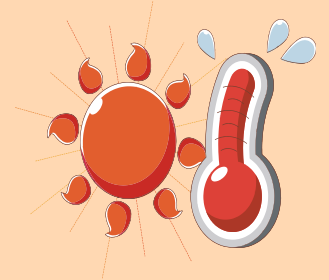
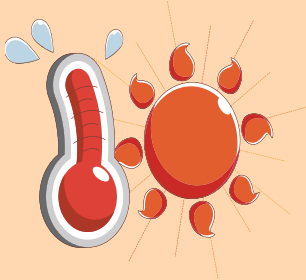
We understand you meant to be kind in taking your pet with you today, but you could be risking its life.

On a hot summer day the inside of a car heats very quickly. On a 75-85 degree day, for example, the temperature inside your car - with the windows slightly open - will reach 102 degrees. On warmer days it will go even higher.

A pet's normal body temperature is 101 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit. A pet can withstand a body temperature of 107-108 degrees F for only a short time before suffering irreparable brain damage or even death. The closed car interferes with the animal's normal cooling process, that is, evaporation through panting.

IF YOUR ANIMAL IS OVERCOME BY HEAT EXHAUSTION, YOU CAN GIVE IMMEDIATE FIRST AID BY IMMERSING HIM OR HER IN COLD WATER UNTIL BODY TEMPERATURE IS LOWERED AND CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR FURTHER TREATMENT.

It should be noted that ARS (Arizona Revised Statutes) 13-2910 provides for criminal penalties for mistreatment, neglect or abandonment of animals.



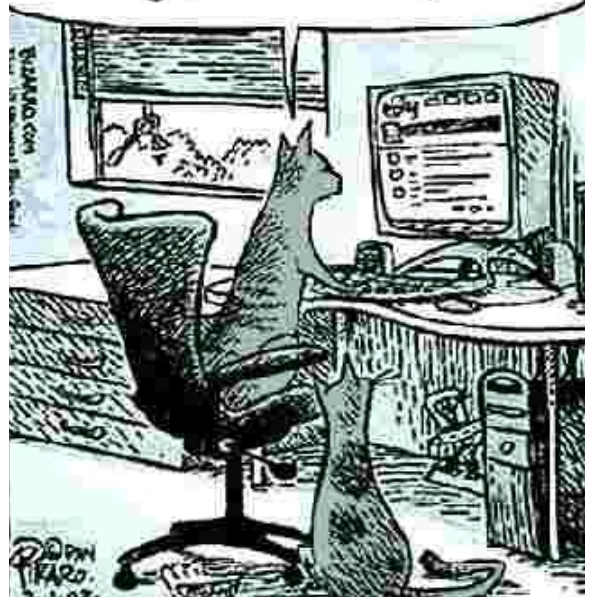
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Just install the iGive toolbar on your home page and use iGive for searching and shopping on the www. Every time you search through iGive TALGV gets a penny and those pennies add up. TALGV earns more when you make a purchase through iGive.

Go to: <http://www.iSearchiGive.com> to download the iGive toolbar and get started earning cash for TALGV today!

Cool. I just sold the dog on EBAY.



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Tipsy Wisdom...



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