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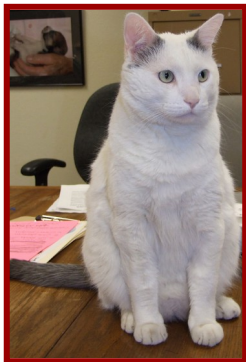


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## FIV: Catching a Bad Case of the Rumors



I'm Tippy, the executive Office Cat. I'm healthy, I am loved, I run the office, and...I'm FIV positive. I'd like you to also meet Villita, Henry and Coal. We're all here to tell you about FIV.

Despite what many people think, cats with Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) can live perfectly long, happy, healthy lives. It is a lentivirus, meaning that it progresses very slowly, gradually affecting a cat's immune system. It is passed through the blood – from serious penetrating bite wounds by stray, already-infected cats (yet another good reason to keep your cat indoors!). FIV is transmissible only from cat to cat -- neither you nor your dog can get FIV from a cat. In fact, the only thing about FIV that you CAN catch is a bad case of the rumors!



I'm Villita. I have a purr that doesn't quit and am a beauty to boot; an unusual orange and white tabby girl (most orange felines are male) and I'm doubly special because...I'm FIV positive.

FIV may cause a cat very little difficulty, and cats often live 10 to 15 years after diagnosis. Many have no higher level of disease or illness than cats without FIV, but it's important to know if a cat has FIV, because it has a bearing on how you manage the cat's health. They need annual or semi-annual checkups, so that if they do become ill, addressing the problems quickly will help these cats live long lives. Many times, if these cats do become sick, they will respond to treatment just as well as a cat that does not have FIV.



We are Henry and Coal. We came in about the same time last September and are now the best of friends. We're two super outgoing guys who live and play together in the TALGV kitchen (after everyone has gone home) and...we're FIV positive.

Many feel that FIV cats should be the only cat in the home, but interestingly, recent data have shown that if cats do not fight (and few cats fight to the extent of drawing blood), the disease is not transmitted within the household at all.

All rescue groups are faced with the dilemma of what to do with cats that test positive for FIV. Since these cats stand a reasonable chance of being healthy for many years, it is heartbreaking to see these loving creatures relegated to a life in a confined space away from other cats and with little human interaction (or, in many shelters, euthanized because of the stigma associated with FIV).



If you already have a cat with FIV, consider adding a cat that also has this infection. If you don't have a cat yet, consider adding an FIV positive cat to your life. As with any special needs pet (we prefer the term "extra special"), these cats are adoptable and make wonderful companions. Including one in your life can have an extraordinary effect -- not only do they show deep appreciation and love when given a second chance, but their courage and determination to carry on is truly inspiring.

All of our FIV cats are available for adoption. Tippy says, "Even office cats dream about early retirement." Won't you consider making the dream of a forever home a reality for one or more of these extra special cats?

Linda Moser, TALGV Pet Biographer...with thanks to many Internet sources!



# Dear TALGV,

## Coco



One of your volunteers called last week to follow up on Diamond. We have renamed her CoCo Chanel. We appreciate the phone call and wanted to send some photos. CoCo is doing very well and loves to chase our

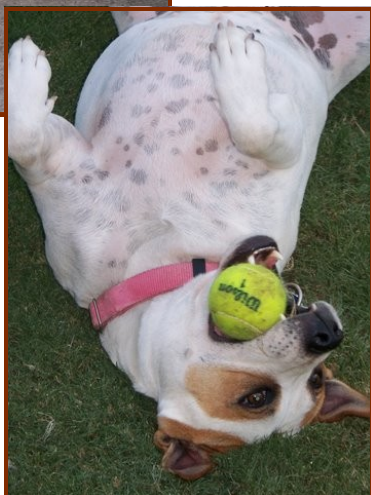
other cats around the house and play. She is a lot of fun! Thanks for the fine work that you all do!

Kathy and Bill Monk

## Gracie

Gracie is a charm. She loves everyone and everyone loves her! She does not meet a child that she doesn't think is hers! We are so grateful that she joined our pack here in Tucson. TALGV is great!

Karen Mize



If you've adopted a pet from TALGV we'd love to hear from you...or your pet! Send letters and photos to our mailing address or email to the editor: [sharknight@cox.net](mailto:sharknight@cox.net). Send email photos in JPEG format as large as possible. Thank You!

## Koda

Here are some photos of our happy family. We rescued Tiwi 9 years ago from a cattle dog rescue and we picked up Koda last November from your wonderful facility.



Koda is one year old now and such a great little guy. He is so lovable, has a great personality and is a mama's boy :)

We couldn't have brought home a better dog to fit with our family.

Les and Cheri Walker

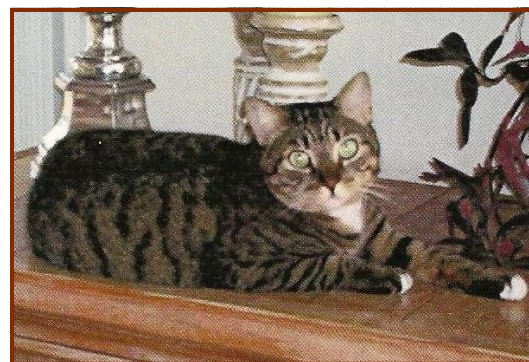
## Tiberus

To my friends at the Animal League,

Thank you for finding me a new home. I miss all of you, but I'm having a wonderful time laying in the sun by the big windows and

watching the birds in the ocotillo outside. I get lots of attention from the people here and I have a really comfy heated cat bed and lots of toys.

Love, Tiberus





## The Animal Rescue Site Shelter Challenge

Go to:

[www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)

Click on the purple  
"Click to Give" tab.

Find the 'Vote Today' and red heart icon and click on it. Next find "Search and Vote for a Shelter"

Enter 'The Animal League of Green Valley' and 'AZ'.

Click on the "Vote" tab.

Be sure to confirm your vote by entering the type of animal shown.

**VOTE ONCE EVERY DAY!**

*Don't Get Caught Snoozing!*



*Go online now and help us earn money to save more pets!*



## eScrip

You can contribute up to 3% of your Safeway purchases to TALGV  
Go to:

[www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

Register any one or all of your grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program. Safeway will make contributions to TALGV,

based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning for TALGV.

## iGive.com

Turn everyday shopping and searching into donations for TALGV at

[www.iGive.com/TALGV](http://www.iGive.com/TALGV)

Every time you use iGive to search online TALGV gets a penny and those pennies add up. TALGV earns even more when you make a purchase through iGive.

**Start earning cash for TALGV today!**

## MissionFish on eBay

Sellers give proceeds from their sales to TALGV.

TALGV can also receive donations from eBay users through the Donate Now feature which lets anyone with a PayPal account donate to nonprofits right away, without buying or selling anything.

Go to:

[www.missionfish.org](http://www.missionfish.org)

Username: talgv3170

Contact person: Carol Buckles

## Bricks for Remembrance



Approaching the main entrance to the Animal League of Green Valley is a walkway of engraved bricks. These bricks memorialize and honor people and pets, both living and dead. They were purchased by many supporters of TALGV, and placed by volunteers. Reading the inscriptions is a nostalgic look at treasured memories.

This brick walk was a money-raising project created by the Fundraising Committee in late 2006 to help pay for a much-needed new building. For a donation of \$100, supporters could order an engraved brick containing up to three rows of lettering with sixteen characters per line. The bricks commemorate mostly dogs and cats, but also include many people and even a horse and a ferret.

All the bricks have been supplied by Cut In Stone of Eldorado, Texas, a family-owned company that does high-quality work. To date, almost 300 engraved bricks have been placed in the walk, and orders are still being received. A total of 450 bricks are in the walk, including blank bricks, which are removed and replaced with engraved bricks as donations are received. Since its inception, the walk has been a popular way of creating a lasting memory of a person or pet. TALGV hopes that interest in this project will continue, and has planned space for future expansion.

**Ann Slagter, TALGV Administrative Coordinator**

For more information about ordering a personalized brick contact Ann Slagter at TALGV, (520) 625-3170.



# \*HAPPY TAILS\*

by Artie Collins and Terri Nelson



**Lady**, a five-year-old Cocker Spaniel mix lady had served her purpose as a breeding "mom" at a puppy mill and was adopted by a wonderful woman who really wanted to give her a new lease on life. Even though her new mom tried very hard to include Lady in the everyday life of a dog/human household, her

efforts failed and she eventually had to relinquish her to TALGV. Although Lady had followed her new mom everywhere, she was absolutely, positively, unalterably opposed to a leash. She was very fearful of people, but was fine with other dogs. She did have some minor medical problems, but they responded quickly to medical attention, good food, and a warm place to hang out, so with loving people around her, she finally began to learn what trust meant.

Enter Jim and Ginger. They saw the beautiful, loving dog that was hiding inside Lady and decided to adopt her. They had quite a time with her at first. She was like a frightened rabbit – she wouldn't come to them, knew no commands, panicked at any noises, couldn't be leashed, and was totally distrustful of everyone.

But now the happy part and the remarkable transformation! With patience and perseverance, in the months that Jim and Ginger have had her, she has become a different dog – a true "lady" and a totally devoted companion. They walk her on a leash several times a day. She loves meeting other dogs. She comes when called (and has learned lots of commands). But most of all, Lady is totally devoted to Ginger (and, OK, Jim too!). They are inseparable, and she has become a pleasure and joy that they can't imagine life without.

It is truly amazing what love will do for all of us!



**Riley**, a one-year-old gray and white sweet prince of a kitten, was brought to TALGV because his people were moving and he couldn't go with them. He arrived with a badly infected neck from



an unknown source. One of the many vets who examined him thought that it might have been dermatitis, while some felt it may have been a reaction to a shot or an allergy, but they all agreed the condition was being exacerbated by his constant scratching. Curing poor Riley was an uphill battle. An Elizabethan collar just made it worse. Numerous medications and ointments were tried and failed. Wrapping his back feet to cover his claws didn't work. Wrapping his neck was ineffective. Applying "soft paws" was futile. Finally, after many months, an experimental surgery succeeded and he seemed to be on the path to wellness. But during this long process, the skin on his back feet started to break down, and another infection was born, which ultimately caused him to lose his back leg.

Throughout all of these travails, Riley remained a good-natured, sweet, and loving little boy. Kathie, one of his caretakers, fell in love with him over the long months of his convalescence, and she decided she needed to make this game, engaging boy her own. And although Riley had had plenty of attention over the months of his many treatments, more than anything else, he needed someone to love him and a person he could call his own. Kathie adopted Riley and renamed him "Swayze" after Patrick Swayze, who had waged a courageous battle against cancer. In addition, she thought Riley had some pretty fancy dance steps himself.

Kathie says he immediately fit right in with her dog and other cat. They groom each other and regularly get "the crazies," racing through the house. He is a devoted lap- and shoulder-cat, bestowing purrs and "pet me" bumps to both Kathie and her husband, Pete. He loves his mouse toy and anything else that moves. He is also a great talker, and looks you straight in the eye as though of course you understand exactly what he's saying. He is a joy and a miracle and he gives the love he feels from his people right back. He has found his "forever" home.

*More than 1200 TALGV pets adopted since Jan 1, 2009!*



# Have You Seen What's New at TALGV?



★ Our new sign ★



Our new  
bathing and  
grooming  
room



★ A new awning for The Attic drop-off area ★



# TALGV Out and About – Join in the Festivities



## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Valley White Elephant Country Fair

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, October 29-31

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visit our booth in the Green Valley Village

Special Halloween activities on October 31

Your pets are welcome.

Enjoy our entry in the White Elephant Country Fair Parade

Starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30



## Central Pet's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pet Fest

Saturday, November 6

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Located on the east frontage road in Amado

2875 E. Frontage Rd, Amado, AZ 86645

TALGV will be there with displays and adoptable pets. Join us for a fun-filled day which includes:

Randy Aronson, DVM, broadcasting his radio show at 8:00 a.m., a shot clinic, informational seminars, professional pet photography, and a doggie scavenger hunt.

Leashed pets are welcome!



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sahuarita Pecan Festival

November 20 and 21

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

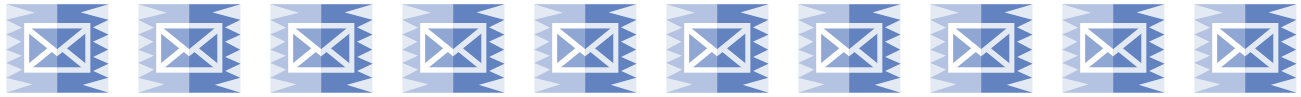
Old Nogales Hwy and Sahuarita Road

The Animal League was selected by public vote from among 6 finalists as the non-profit organization to receive a portion of the proceeds from the Pecan Festival. Visit our booth and make a wish. Our wishing wells will benefit your favorite animal cause

(e.g., spay/neuter, veterinary care, training, foster homes).

Every 'well wisher' will receive "A Home for Every Pet" bracelet.

# We Hope to See You !



## Tipsy's Mailbox

**Dear Tipsy,**

My humans and The Dog often go for walks outside. I try to go out with them, but they always make me stay home. Is it something I've said?

**Wondering**

**Dear Wondering,**

I know it's hard to believe, but it's for your own good. Take it from me, I was "out there" once and it's way better in the house! There are a lot of dangerous things in the great outdoors that would like to snag us felines, and since most of us are not known for walking well on leashes, it's hard to keep us on "the straight and narrow." Just grin and bear it (and while they're gone you can walk all over the kitchen counters!).

**Dear Tipsy,**

My people insist on giving me a bath. Do I really need this?

**Wet and Wild**

**Dear Wet,**

You're not a dog! You're supposed to be doing that for yourself! Have you been slipping in the grooming department? Unless you've gotten into something really awful in the house, you should be squeaky clean. Keep a low profile.

**Dear Tipsy,**

I overheard my mom talking about getting a "dog." Is this something that's catching?

**Worried**

**Dear Worried,**

Dogs take some getting used to. They are slavish creatures that adore humans (and vice versa), and are best taken in small doses. They are a rowdy bunch, but if you show them who's boss, they usually come around in short order. Be strong.

**Tipsy's Mailbox** is written by Linda Moser, Pet Biographer for TALGV. Both Linda and Tipsy welcome your questions. Our mailing address:

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Green Valley, AZ 86614

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## Mah Jongg Anyone?



The Third Annual  
Mah Jongg Fundraiser & Christmas Party  
will again benefit The Animal League of Green Valley  
Last year TALGV received \$2,090!

Date: Wednesday, Dec 1, 2010  
Place: St. Francis-in-the-Valley Episcopal Church Hall

Time: 12 Noon to 4PM

Check-in: 12 Noon (must have ticket)

Tickets: \$20 each

Send Check Payable to: Rosemary Brophy  
90 Camino Manzana, #B, Green Valley, AZ 85614

Send the names of your foursome.

If playing individually a foursome will be assigned.

Call 520-990-5107 for more information.

1st place win \$100 2nd place win \$50 3rd place win \$25

If you have already purchased a ticket - Thank You!

Can't play? You can still make a donation...

**It's For The Animals!**





### **Tipsy Wisdom...**

"People who own pets live longer, have less stress,  
and fewer heart attacks."

**Paw Prints Editor - Sharon Knight**

**Photographer - Georgia Puttock**

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