

It's All About the Animals



Meow arrived with poor eyesight and needs a quiet home.



Luca was found alone in the desert.



Bubba is the lone survivor of an abandoned litter.



Madge was found on the side of the road.



Sweeney was found abandoned.

Our community has so many more animals in need. If TALGV can't take them in, what will happen to them?

Over the past three years TALGV has found homes for more than 2,145 pets. Our average daily population is 120 cats and 50 dogs in a facility that was designed for far fewer. It is our pledge to the community that no animal in need will be turned away. If we are to continue to fulfill that pledge we need more space for our growing population of in-house animals. We are finalizing plans for our expansion project and hope to break ground sometime this year. Our thanks go out to the many donors who have helped us reach 40% of our goal. We still have a long way to go, so your donation will mean a great deal as we strive to improve and expand our facility. A return envelope is enclosed if you are able to help us at this time.

THANK YOU!

Benefactor Recognition

Several levels of support will qualify for benefactor recognition. Contact us about donations of \$100 or more.

Please consider other donation options,

Angelo



Angelo continues to do remarkably well; his tail is always wagging now. He has mastered the stairs I built for him and Kathy and I feel better that he uses the stairs, simply because he has only one leg and we worry about him damaging the other trying to navigate higher places. He likes running but sometimes his exuberance gets the best of him and he tires and sits on his own accord. He likes to ride and sit looking forward on the seat in the truck, surveying the countryside. We have spoiled him, but that's OK, we just want him to be happy in his new home. Your organization and all the staff are a credit to the welfare of pets

that have been forgotten. The world could use more of you. Angelo has filled a huge space in our hearts, he is family, not just a dog and we love him deeply. Bob & Kathy

Harley

We just wanted to share some photos and let you see how happy our little Harley (named because of her very loud "motor") is in her new home. Our one year old Bella was so happy to have a new sister to take care of. All is well and we are so happy!! Harley will live a very spoiled and happy life. Thank you for all that you do for our furry friends; they'd be lost without people like you. Thanks for bringing joy into our lives by letting us have Harley!



Mark, Annette & Stephanie Grisham



Lots of thanks!

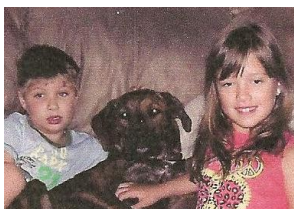
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Sadie



Thank you for taking care of Sadie before she came to live with us. She is a big girl with a very big heart. She loves attention and we give her lots of love. She gives us lots of love and kisses too. I collected items and had a yard sale to raise money for all the animals at TALGV. My mom wrote a check for the money we raised. I know it will get put to good use. Thank you for all your hard work and for helping all the animals in need.

God bless you, Michelle Ambrose



Lisa



Lisa has settled in as one of the family. No more-hide-and-go-seek. I would venture to suggest she regards any second cat as an interloper since she is exceptionally sociable, seeing any available lap as a potential bed. She reverts to cat only at feeding time, performing the mewing samba. We can't imagine anyone capable of parting with her, but their loss has been our gain.

John & Joan Allison

Katya



Katya is a four year old female Siberian Husky adopted into a household with two other Siberian Huskies. Receiving a fresh start at life, she was given the new name of Katya, which is Russian for "Catherine." Understanding Siberian Huskies must be provided with both mental and physical challenges, her new

owners set out to provide her with "jobs." Katya's first challenge was to prepare for the AKC Canine Good Citizen evaluation which she passed about one month after going to her new home. Next was a canine agility class; great for building confidence in a dog. Three months after her adoption, Katya, along with her two adoptive siblings, passed their therapy dog evaluations and began doing local therapy dog work. After nearly a year of training, Katya was entered in her first agility show and although she didn't qualify, she ran very well her first two times in the ring. She has since qualified at several agility shows and her new and very proud owners plan to continue with Katya's new career in agility competitions as well as her pet therapy work. Thank you for your work with TALGV, and providing us with a wonderful dog.

Michael Case

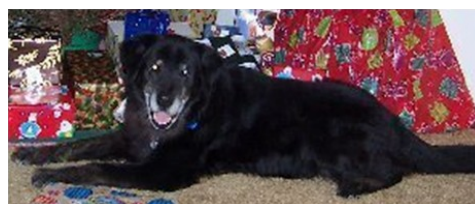
PB&J

I am in love!! These are such delightful cats. They've both taken over my bed...both lying down, leaning up against my pillows, just like little people. They are adorable. Like identical twins. I see very little difference between them. They both do all the same things at the same time. One starts to wash, so does the other one. One yawns, so does the other one. They're like little clones. They both purr...both rub me, head-bob me, both lick me. Thank you again SO MUCH for bringing these two precious little balls of fluff to me. Kathy



Señor

Hi everyone at TALGV. I just thought I would tell you about my very first real Christmas and my new family. I am so happy here! For Christmas I got a brand new matching leash and collar, a pet identification tag with my name, address and phone. It also says I am a diabetic. Dad made me a stand so my new personalized food dish sits up high for me, and I got about a dozen tennis balls. I always have a tennis ball in my mouth or within easy reach so someone can play fetch with me. Speaking of Dad, I just love him! I follow him around everywhere when he is home and I help him with all sorts of things. (Personally, I don't know how he accomplished anything before without my help). So as you can see, my life is completely different now and I'm enjoying every minute of it. My tail never stops wagging. I run and play all day long. At the end of the day I am so tired I fall asleep in front of the TV. Hope your New Year is a good one. I know mine will be!



Love, Señor

Mail stories and photos to TALGV or email to the editor: sharknight@cox.net

The Animal League of Green Valley Golf Tournament

Scramble Format ~ Shotgun Start at 7:30 am

Friday, April 13th

at the Country Club of Green Valley

\$65 a person

Open to the public ~ Bring your friends

Includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes,

& a Warm Glow Inside

(because all profits go to our animals)

Registration Forms Available at TALGV

and the Country Club of Green Valley



TALGV Board of Directors

Welcomes Two New Members

Cynthia Kloss

Spending almost 25 years with the Department of Defense as an enlisted airman, Army officer, and civilian security policy official, Cynthia's final job was at the Pentagon where she led many public disclosure initiatives. Shifting gears after retirement, Cynthia worked for eight years with youth leadership programs including the National Youth Leadership Forum and Worldstrides student tours.

She moved to Sahuarita in 2008 and started volunteering at The Animal League of Green Valley as a dog handler. Cynthia fostered 19 of our larger dogs at her home in Rancho Resort and adopted Brownie in 2010. Cynthia and another TALGV volunteer, Pam Dunahay, formed a grant writing team to seek out new funding for our capital campaign, spay and neuter outreach programs, volunteer activities and community education programs.

An avid traveler, Cynthia has toured most regions of the world, however, much of her free time is now spent traveling one hour east to Benson where she is rehabilitating a 96 year old railroad built house.



L to R: Back: Cynthia Kloss, Secretary, Ann Slagter, Member, Geoff Knight, Treasurer, Georgia Puttock, Member, Joan Matti, Member, Nancy Arnold, Vice President
Front: Joyce Parchuta, Member, Jean Davis, President, Rose Welliver, Member

Rose Welliver

Rose, and her partner Don, moved to the Green Valley/Sahuarita area in February 2006 upon retirement from The Clorox Company, where Rose spent 28 years in department management and project management roles while living in the San Francisco Bay Area. Originally from northeastern Pennsylvania, Rose has a BS in Civil Engineering from Lehigh University.

She started volunteering at TALGV in May of 2008 as a dog handler and became a Dog Handler Coordinator in early 2009 and has served as the point person for the dog area in 2010 and 2011.

Rose is an avid golfer and has just been elected Vice President of the Quail Creek Ladies' Golf Association. She also does cancer fund raising as a member of the Quail Creek Relay for Life Team and by selling Circle of Hope Bracelets.

The 23rd Annual Blessing of the Animals



At TALGV

March 4, 2012

2:00 p.m.

Rev. Madonna Moess
Officiating

We hope you and your leashed or
crated pets will join us!

Safety First for Dogs and Their Handlers at TALGV



Dog handlers Marty Fulton and
Rose Welliver with Runi and
Beverly Travers with puppy Levi.

Going for a walk is now safer for TALGV dogs and their handlers thanks to Captain Tom Louis and Green Valley Firefighters from Station 154. Volunteers and dogs walk past their station every day, often very early in the morning, and firefighter/engineer Steve Holt was concerned that they could not be seen clearly by drivers in the area.

Thanks to Holt, firefighter Diane Vetter and funds provided by the Green Valley Firefighters Association, Captain Louis and his team presented a gift of 19 bright fluorescent vests, complete with TALGV lettering, to president Jean Davis and the dog walkers. The lettering was a donation from Paul and Rosalie Brinkmeyer, owners of Custom Plus. All the dogs and their handlers want to extend a huge THANK YOU to the Green Valley Firefighters Association, the Brinkmeyers and our good friends and neighbors at Station 154.

Vote Every Day!



TheAnimalRescueSite.com™

The new "Animal Rescue Site
Shelter Challenge" continues
through March 18
Two ways to vote...

Go to www.theanimalrescuesite.com

- Click on the purple "click here to give" tab.
- When the next window appears, click on the "VOTE NOW" icon at the top of the page.
- Scroll down to "Search and vote for a shelter".
- Enter "The Animal League of Green Valley" and "AZ".
- Click on the "VOTE" tab.
- Confirm your vote by entering the letters and numbers shown.
- For a daily email reminder, go to "register and get a free gift" in the upper left hand column of the home page.

Go to TALGV's website, www.talgv.org

- Click on "Vote for Us" & follow the prompts.

Remember to vote every day on all your internet devices...computer, smartphone, ipad or ereader. Ask your friends, relatives, facebook contacts, etc., to do so as well.

With your help, we can win
for the animals!

Celebration and Memorial Gifts

Donate to TALGV in the name of your friend or loved one.

Gifts can be made:

- ◇ In honor of someone special
- ◇ In memory of a loved one
- ◇ To celebrate a special occasion
- ◇ As a holiday gift
- ◇ To say thank you

Recipients will be sent a letter notifying them of your gift. Your tax deductible donation will help the animals and everyone will feel that they have made a difference... and they have.



*We are extremely grateful to all our donors
and members for their support in 2011.
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donations, memberships, grants, bequests,
tributes, memorials and in-kind contributions.*

THANK YOU!

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5 Secrets of Supremely Happy Indoor Cats

By Dr. Marty Becker, vetstreet.com



You don't have to open the door to the great outdoors to give your cat a more interesting life. Here are five easy ways to get going:

1. Think Vertical

Cats love to climb, so give them the opportunity. Cat trees mounted floor-to-ceiling, wrapped with sisal rope and studded with platforms for perching will give your cat the opportunity to look down on the rest of the world. This is especially satisfying if there are dogs in the household. What cat wouldn't like the chance to finally look *down* on the dog?

2. Add Toys

The cat with the most toys wins. Every cat lover should have a "kitty tease" toy, typically a flexible rod with a line that ends in something furry or feathery to engage a cat's prey drive. Every indoor cat should have toys for batting around, toys for chasing, toys to hide inside and toys for interactive play. And don't forget that some of those toys ought to have catnip in them. While not all cats enjoy the fragrant herb, those who do find it extremely blissful. If your cat is a catnip junkie, indulge him frequently. Rub fresh catnip onto cat trees or scratching posts, or stuff it into toys. It's perfectly safe for your cat to enjoy the buzz.

3. Provide Rooms with Views

Whatever the size of the house, your indoor cat will know every one of its sights and sounds within just a few days. Provide a little visual stimulation by putting a bird feeder outside a window fitted with a cat-sized ledge that allows for comfortable viewing.

Be aware, though, that the view of the world isn't always going to work for your cat. If your yard is attracting other cats from the neighborhood, your own cat may become frustrated by the sight (he can even turn that frustration into attacks on people in the house!). You may have to make certain windows off-limits to your own cat.

If a window view isn't going to work, try a TV. A few companies offer DVDs for cats. Pop one of these in, and it will entertain your cat with a lively mix of feline-friendly images and sounds, including those of birds and rodents.

4. Go Green

Cats love nibbling on plants. Any decent feline reference book will provide a list of plants which should **not** be in a pet-friendly house. You can also visit the Animal Poison Control Center online for information on dangerous plants.

Keep cats from digging in your decorative pots by putting a layer of small, rough stones over the dirt. You can then add a collection of accessible plants (such as grass shoots) for him to rub.

5. Give Face Time

Of course, one of the best things you can do for your indoor cat is to spend time with him. Playing, grooming, petting or just plain hanging out -- it's all good. Your cat loves you and loves spending time with you.

Keeping a cat inside is one of the best ways to ensure a long and healthy life, but it won't be a very happy existence unless you're going to add some intrigue to the surroundings. It doesn't take much in the way of time or effort, so get going. Your cat will thank you!



Tipsy likes this Italian proverb...
"Happy is the home with at least one cat."

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