

# Paw Prints

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## Roseanne A Story of Tragedy, Love and Recovery

Child abuse doesn't happen only to humans. The face of the animal sitting in our lobby was so mangled and disfigured that it was barely recognizable as a dog. Yet she still managed to greet us with a wagging tail. The two workmen who brought her in said they had watched us as they paved the parking lot for our new building, so they knew we would take care of her. They were right.

We called her Roseanne. Incredibly, she had been living with her massive injuries for several days. Even though it looked as if someone had taken a shovel to her face, being hit by a car couldn't be ruled out because her entire left side had injuries as well. We'll never know.

Upon examination, it was determined that Roseanne also had been subjected to a previous trauma that had healed and resulted in her jaw deviating to the right and her nose deviating to the left. Her treatment necessitated three surgeries, a three-week stay in the hospital with many kind and skilled hands tending her... and MANY dollars, despite the extreme generosity and financial consideration given by a local veterinary hospital. Several months later a final surgery was performed and through it all Roseanne's tail has never stopped wagging.

During the next five months in her compassionate, experienced foster home, Roseanne learned to romp with the resident dogs, enjoy the cat, go potty outside, and walk on a leash. Due to the head trauma, Roseanne is blind in her left eye and her hearing is impaired, but these conditions don't slow her down.



Despite some residual neurological impairments and initial anxiety in new situations, Roseanne is a sweet, happy, affectionate girl. She is learning new things every day and discovering that the world is full of kind and loving people. She is now ready for her forever home!

Roseanne has enriched our lives, and the lives of all those who reached out to help her, but she is only one of many that we have been able to help this year.

Your donations have made it possible for us to help Roseanne as well as other animals in need:

- ◆ Bella - nasal reconstruction
- ◆ Sugar - removal of necrotic eye
- ◆ Paul - severe burns on stomach and feet
- ◆ Pancho - melanoma surgery and chemotherapy
- ◆ Buster - assessment of neurological impairment
- ◆ Becky - malignant tumor removal and radiation
- ◆ Sunny - traumatic injury surgery and rehabilitation
- ◆ Blaze - severe anemia requiring blood transfusions
- ◆ Midnight - trauma caused megaesophagus

Please give generously to support our efforts to save the countless deserving animals that need our help.

**Thank You!**



# Cat Introductions Take Patience and Time

from "Expanding Your Pride – How to persuade a swinging single or feline clique to share the wealth"

by James Hettinger, All Animals magazine, May/June 2014



Unlike dogs, cats are not pack animals, says animal behavior specialist, Molly Stone. While some cats simply don't enjoy the company of their own kind, even those who do can take time to warm up to newcomers.

Making good matches "is an inexact science ... with a good sprinkling of art mixed in," says Stone. Generally, two cats with similar personalities and play styles will get along better than cats whose styles are vastly different. Cats of opposite genders sometimes gel better than same-gender pairs, and older cats tend to cut kittens more slack, so a possible rule of thumb would be to home in on a younger cat of the opposite gender. But the problem with sticking to rules, Stone adds, is that cats haven't actually read any of them.

## Six-Part Harmony

"Since no method of matching cats is foolproof, slow and structured introductions are crucial," says Meredith Lee of the Humane Society of the United States.

Follow these six gradual steps for your best chance of success:

**1. Exchange of smells.** In the beginning, keep the cats separate, confining the new addition to a small area such as a bathroom for up to a week. Give the newcomer a blanket or pillow that your resident cat has lain on, and exchange the items daily. This will help acclimate your new cat to the smells of her new home and her new housemate.

**2. Supervised exploration.** Next, put your resident cat in a separate room while letting the new cat investigate other rooms. Keep some doors closed so the cat isn't overwhelmed and you can control where she goes.

**3. Visual introductions.** So far so good? Then with one cat confined to a room, crack open the door and, using a baby gate across the door to keep the cats physically separated, let the cats see each other from a comfortable distance as you offer them a meal. Open the door a little wider each time and gradually decrease the distance between the feeding bowls.

**4. Supervised physical introductions.** Once the cats are tolerating the sight of one another, they can meet (at first it might be wise to keep them on harnesses or leashes). Have toys or treats handy that you can use to help each cat associate one another with something positive and to distract them.

**5. Loosely supervised physical interactions.** If supervised meetings are successful, allow your cats to mingle while you're home. You don't need to monitor every interaction.

**6. Solo physical interactions.** If all is going well, it's time to leave the cats alone for gradually longer periods. Start by leaving the house for a few minutes, then increase the amount of time the animals go solo.



Whether you're searching for a buddy for a single cat or expanding your feline fiefdom, keep reasonable expectations and plan to do gradual introductions. You can't ensure that the new housemates will love each other, but you can increase the chance of peaceful coexistence.

## WE ARE CANINE GOOD CITIZENS!



Año and Butchie, two longtime TALGV dogs recently earned their Canine Good Citizen certification from the American Kennel Club (AKC).

Año is pictured on the left. Butchie is pictured with his trainer, TALGV volunteer, Gregg Grummer, who attended class with Butchie for six weeks and was very diligent in practice.

Having the CGC skills is a big plus for adoptability. Thanks to Jill at Central Pet and dedicated volunteers like Gregg these dogs are well on their way to finding their forever homes.





# The Kitten Whisperer



I often ask myself why I do this. I get a batch of motherless kittens and I sleep an hour, feed kittens, sleep an hour, feed kittens...24 hours a day, for weeks. When they get a little older I can sleep for two hours, then three.

As I type this I have one kitten on the back of my chair purring and nuzzling in my right ear. I have another on the back of my chair purring and nuzzling in my left ear and another purring and nuzzling in the hair on the back of my head. I have three more on my chest, as close as they can get to my face, purring and nuzzling in my beard and mustache. The seventh is chewing on my toes. That's why I do it. Does that make sense to anyone but me?

If it makes sense to you please volunteer to help. TALGV needs people to raise motherless kittens and puppies and to provide foster homes for many other animals.

Joel Taylor

Kitten Whisperer



They get more rambunctious; they attack my feet, climb my legs, and get in the back of my chair and climb up my back. I have scratches from them climbing all over me. They don't mean to hurt me; they don't even know they are hurting me. They only know that I am their mother and all things come from me...food, comfort, play, love, security. Sometimes I just want to scream, "LEAVE ME ALONE!"

I wonder why I put myself through this. Is it because I want to save their little lives? Partly. Is it because I like to see them being adopted into forever homes? Partly. But why do I really do this?



## OUR WISH LIST

- ♦ Cat treats
- ♦ Cat beds
- ♦ Cat trees
- ♦ Litter pans and scoopable cat litter
- ♦ Canned cat food
- ♦ Knitted or crocheted blankets (24" square) for cat 'Going Home' bags
- ♦ Cat and kitten collars (MUST BE BREAKAWAY!)
- ♦ Boxes and steps for cat play time
- ♦ Petco gift cards for dog supplies
- ♦ Walmart gift cards for dog supplies
- ♦ First Class Forever postage stamps
- ♦ There is an **URGENT NEED** for dog food for our Outreach Program, including opened bags of dry dog food.

Thank  
You!





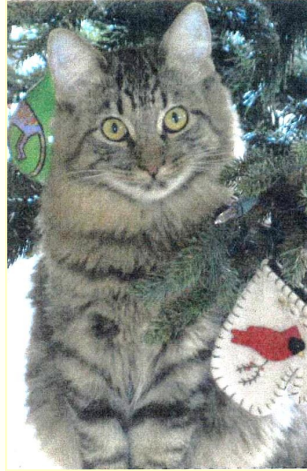
# Mail from our friends...

## Keiko

I wanted to send you a note letting you know how very happy I am. I was adopted by my wonderful parents about 3 years ago. I was Fanta, one of the soda pop kittens. I also live with my adopted brother, Big Louie. He is 13 years old and has put up with my pouncing and teasing. As you can see, I love Christmas and I am so photogenic! My parents are sending a check to help. They believe in all that you do for each animal that needs a forever home and they are especially thankful for me!

Love,

Keiko, Big Louie and the Hansens



## Jetta

Jetta continues to be a blessing to us. She passed her 1st two tests on becoming a Therapy Dog and did very well. One more test and she will receive her certification. We are sending this donation to help all those precious animals at TALGV.

God Bless You All,  
Jim and Arlene Manning  
& Jetta



## Holly

I want to say thank you for our beautiful little cat, Holly, adopted in September. When I saw her picture on your website I knew in my heart that she was the one. Two years ago we lost our two old cats and our old dog all in one year. My devastation at losing all

of them so close together was overwhelming and I swore I would never have another animal again. But what I soon discovered was that the pain of living without an animal is worse than the pain of losing them. I lasted three months and then saw a picture of a black puppy that I knew was mine. When I saw that one of his sisters was not getting adopted I knew she needed us. So, two months after adopting my first puppy I had two naughty 4 month old Shi-Poos. They healed my broken heart. Then my husband had a massive stroke and my two puppies became caretakers and again helped heal our hearts. They have been a big part of his healing process and rarely leave his side. In September I decided the dogs needed to start having a little fun. When I saw Holly's picture online I knew we needed her to complete our family. When she turned two months and weighed two pounds I was there to pick her up. From the second her paws hit the ground she was determined she was going to be one of the big kids. She is totally fearless and she and the two dogs play and rough-house and even do a little snuggling at Holly's insistence. Our only real shock was when we took Holly to the vet the first time and our sweet, rough and tumble little girl turned out to be a boy! Even with the gender change the name Holly fits him so Holly is still Holly. Thank you for bringing him into our lives. He is a happy, naughty, determined, fearless little creature and he brings great joy to our hearts.

Tracie Hannah



## Melek

I have had this perfect boy for over a year now and I wish I could put into words how much he has changed my life, but even I, someone who writes for a living, can't find the words. He is literally my little sidekick and we do most everything together. We go to the dog park every single

day, and there is not a person there who doesn't love him. He has grown into the SWEETEST boy ever. He's such a lover and SUCH a cuddle bug! He has warmed up to people tremendously. We spent a month in Chicago, and he grew very close to my parents. SO close that he chose to sleep with them some nights over me!

Love from Carly and Melek



## Brady

I am Brady, formerly Mr. Kitty. I love, love my new home. I am spoiled beyond belief but I give as much back. My mission every day is to follow my dad, Paul, around. No matter what he does, I am there and in it and he loves it as much or more than I do! Yes, they even let me up on the counters here!! My mother, Sandra, is almost as bad at spoiling me. When things quiet down, if they do, I take a nap. I prefer Dad's lap at night. I am 13 lbs now and loving life!!

Love, Brady



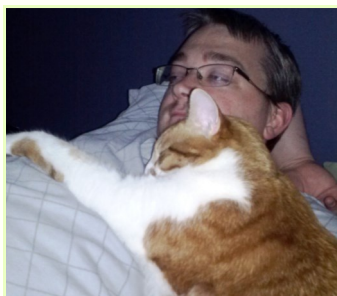




## Eenie



We adopted Eenie in April and we are writing to say that we absolutely love him. He was a surprise for our seven year old son. Eenie right away took to our son and they are completely inseparable. He has been a joy and is a great addition to us three.



We want to thank everyone for all the time that we had to get to know Eenie before we brought him home. He is so gentle, loves to kiss, cuddle and play. We can't say enough about him. It is very nice to know everything about Eenie from when he was a baby. Eenie has definitely found his forever home.

Sincerely, The Belisle Family



## Echo

Thought everyone would like to see Jamie, now Echo, enjoying her forever family.  
Rebecca Kung

## Pete

Here's an update on Pete...We love him and he has certainly become a great family member! It took two months but he is good with our cats and today he passed his Canine Good Citizen test! Next up is making him a therapy dog. He continues to assist me at work; he is so good with socialization/group play and being a neutral dog for behavior modification of reactive dogs I work with each day. He sleeps in bed with us at night (I'm a dog lover first, trainer, second), gets great homemade food and treats, vet care and will never have to worry about his future. We could not have asked for a better dog!!! Happy endings are always nice. We would not have him if not for TALGV. Thank You!!!

Jill Cruz, Dog Trainer

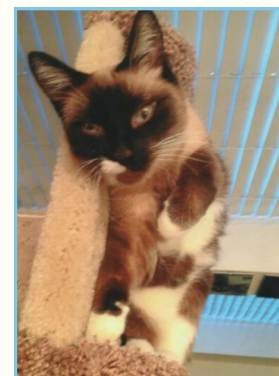


## Daisy

Daisy is doing very well at her forever home in Kearney, Nebraska. She now has an older cat brother named Shadow and a younger dog sister named Ziva and she is blending in just fine with our family here. Daisy is getting used to having a dog sibling. She is still very careful around Ziva but learning that the big dog just wants to be friends. Daisy and I are very attached to each other already. I love her very much!

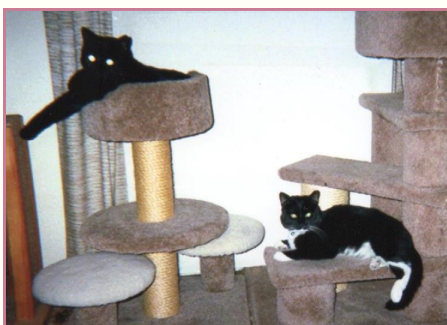
The Animal League is such a wonderful place. I believe many animal facilities could learn from you. Thanks for all you do for our animals!

Jan Sauder-Lowry



## AJ & Daddy-O

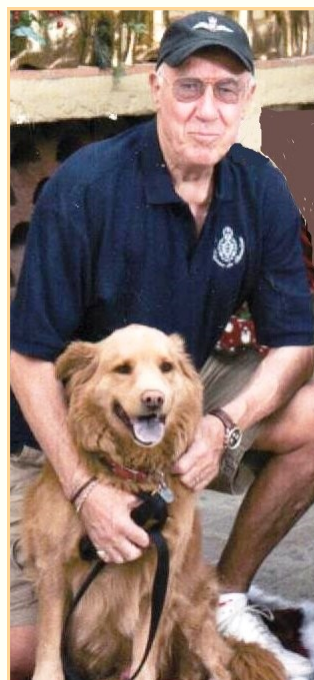
Hello to all, especially the ones who took care of us, Daddy-O and Plum, now known as AJ. We are doing fine as you can see the picture we are sending. We keep our mom and dad, known as Allen and Judy, on their toes; more so Mom than Dad. They agree with you that Daddy-O is a Lover, but so much more a



TALKER!! He does enough talking for both of us. I only talk when I think it's necessary, mostly when I want a treat or some attention. You get the idea. We LOVE watching the birds. Our mom feeds them so they come around A LOT!! I hope this lets you know we are doing fine. Thank you for taking such good care of us until we found our forever home.

Bye for now...

AJ & Daddy-O Greger



## Toby

Enclosed is a photo of Toby, aka "Mr. Tuffy". He is no less than the perfect dog. You remain my favorite charity.

Best, Paul Dean



# “Hats Off to Our Volunteers”



That was the theme for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Over 250 TALGV volunteers were treated to lunch, a slide show full of surprises, free raffle prizes, and new this year, a TALGV Volunteer polo shirt. If the animals could speak we know they would join us in saying 'Thank You' to all our wonderful volunteers.



## THEY DID IT *FORE* THE ANIMALS!



Ladies Flight - Jean Sponcel, Christi Tucker, Jackie Hallett, Jan Topolski (not in photo)  
Men's flight - Jim Coffman, Jimmy Garcia, Danny Majia, Greg Price (not in photo)

The 3rd Annual TALGV Golf Tournament & FUNdraiser was held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Quail Creek Country 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 Quail Creek we raised \$6,700 to fund our on-going expenses and our recent building expansion.



Mixed flight A - Pete Delcour, Jan Delcour, Jan Ranney, JB Ranney  
Mixed flight B - Marty Camacho, Jacki McQue, Matt Williams, Bob Dalton



# A Hole-In-One for Dutch

by Donna Grummer

**D**utch, a beautiful, regal, brindle, boxer mix, was brought to TALGV in July, 2009. He had been found running on the side of the road near Anamax Park. We figure Dutch was nearly 2 years old at the time. Like many of our big dogs, it was not going to be easy to get Dutch adopted. While all the TALGV volunteers got to know him as a real sweetheart and goofball, Dutch did not "show" well - he looked like a real handful, barking and jumping when potential adopters came to his kennel. To make matters worse, he could be aggressive towards other dogs.

After a year of trying lots of things with Dutch, TALGV decided it was time to get some outside help. We turned to Jill Cruz, dog trainer extraordinaire at Central Pet in Amado. Dutch went to live there and he began to make progress, learning good manners and eventually even learning to play with other dogs!

The TALGV volunteers were missing Dutch terribly after he moved to Central Pet, so a little group started to take turns taking him out on field trips. One volunteer took Dutch to her home for long weekends, another took him to explore the Anza Trail many times, and others took him on walks with their own dogs and got him out into the community to be with other people and desensitize him to other dogs.

Dutch went to the Farmer's Market, where many vendors would greet him with "Hey, Dutch - good to see you!". He also had many adventures at Sahuarita Lake, fun visits to Coach's to sample some breakfast or lunch, and even ventured out to shop at Petsmart a time or two. He loved all his friends from TALGV and Central Pet, but he still didn't have a home.

As the years went by, a couple of people adopted Dutch, but in each case he was returned because he was "too much dog" or he was too "bossy" with the other family dog. But TALGV *never* gave up.

And then it happened. A man who came to the recent TALGV golf tournament this spring saw Dutch's picture displayed and said "I'm going to adopt that dog." Like in the movies, the two of them met and it was a match made in heaven. Dutch, 5 years after you first came to TALGV you finally got your "happily ever after." Good luck in your forever home. We love you and will never, ever forget you!



## TALGV's Summer Youth Intern Program (YIP)



The cats love them, the dogs love them, and we love them too. Who are they? The YIPs, of course. As our seasonal volunteers left for the summer, the plaintive and desperate question from the remaining volunteers was, "When do the YIPs arrive?" The 2014 crew of 60 teens arrived for training on May 27 and will be with us until July 27 when 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 (of course), and hugging.



**Thank you, YIPs. You're the greatest!**

Making a Difference for People and Pets



Tipsy says,  
"Love is a four-legged word."

**Paw Prints Editor - Sharon Knight**

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