



# Paw Prints

## IT'S A KITTEN EXPLOSION!



Clark, Belstaff, Wolverine, Timberland & Merrill



Hazel



Three from the ten-kitten Gum Litter

In China, this is "The Year of the Tiger." At TALGV, however, 2022 will surely be known as *The Year of the Kitten*. Since January, TALGV has experienced an unprecedented and unexpected surge in kittens. So far this year, we've taken in 146 of these adorable babies. During all of 2021, we housed 183 kittens; it's only July and we're almost at that number now.

Some of these "kitty litters" were brought in by overwhelmed owners. Others were rescued by worried residents in Green Valley and Sahuarita, who found them hungry and thirsty and without their mothers. Eleven little ones, their eyes crusted shut from infection, were left in a closed cardboard box in TALGV's parking lot.

The majority of kittens were two to four weeks old and without a mother cat to care for them. To nurture such young animals, TALGV's foster families provided home-based care until the kittens were eight

weeks old and ready for adoption. For tiny kittens without a mama cat that meant bottle feedings every two to four hours around the clock, in addition to keeping the enclosure clean and sanitary.

To complicate matters, the majority of the litters contained at least one kitten with some type of infection. Ringworm was the most prevalent, with eye and upper respiratory infections close

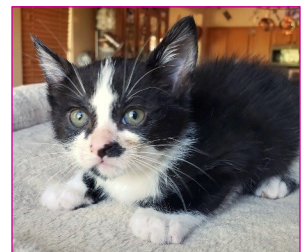
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Pawn



Mama Morsel with Crumb, Itty Bitty, Teeny Weeny & Little Bit



Shiitaki

### Here they are—146 kittens!

☛ Mohave ~ Sahara ~ Sonora ☛ Aphrodite ~ Pandora ~ Calliope ~ Perseus ~ Helios ~ Adonis ☛ Soulmate ~ Playmate ☛ Atlantic ~ Indian ~ Pacific ~ Arctic ☛ Squishy ~ Mushy ~ Cushy ~ Silky ~ Fluffy ☛ Sariah ☛ Morsel (Mama) ~ Crumb ~ Teeny Weenie ~ Little Bit ~ Itty Bitty ☛ Luster ~ Twinkle ~ Dazzle ☛ Catcall (Mama) ~ Catniss ~ Catsby ~ Catcher ~ Caitlyn ~ Cattspurr ☛ Orion ~ Leo ~ Lyra ~ Aries ~ Aquarius ☛ Bronx ~ Brooklyn ~ Manhattan ☛ Button ~ Morel ~ Cremini ~ Porcini ~ Shiitake ☛ Caliente ☛ Ashley ☛ Mystic ~ Fairy ~ Wizard ~ Merlin ~ Crystal ~ Shaman ~ Potion ☛ Onex (Mama) ~ Caparros ~ Oakley ~ Bandolina ~ Sketcher ~ Converse ~ Fila ~ Esprit ☛ Lyft ~ Taxi ~ Uber ☛ Macaroon ☛ Synergy ☛ Sweetie (Mama) ~ Beloved ~ Darling ~ ☛ Cherish ☛ Everest (Mama) ~ Kilimanjaro ~ Denali ~ Matterhorn ~ Olympus ~ Ranier ☛ Clue (Mama) ~ Checkers ~ Scrabble ☛ Fernando ☛ Piaget ~ Tiffany ~ Cartier ~ Bulgari ☛ Nikki ☛ Outlander ~ Highlander ~ Zoolander ☛ Snap ~ Crackle ~ Pop ☛ Rupee ~ Ruble ~ Shilling ~ Franc ~ Peso ~ Euro ☛ Almond ~ Hazelnut ~ Cashew ~ Peanut ~ Macadamia ~ Pecan ~ Pistachio ~ Walnut ~ Chestnut ~ Pignoli ~ Acorn ☛ Giselle ☛ Periwinkle ☛ Wolverine ~ Timberland ~ Merrell ~ Belstaff ~ Clark ☛ Sanibel ~ Laguna ~ Delray ☛ Hugs ~ Kisses ☛ Bazooka ~ Wrigley ~ Orbit ~ Trident ~ Eclipse ~ Chicklets ~ Beemans ~ Dentyne ~ Juicy Fruit ~ Doublemint ☛ Treek ~ Farfang ~ Widdle ~ Weechee ~ Wicket ☛ Katrina ~ Andrew ~ Harvey ~ Irene ☛ Pawn ~ Bishop ~ Knight ~ Rook ☛ Duchess ~ Countess ☛ Hazel ☛ Angora ~ Alpaca

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Bazooka

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behind. Usually, these infections rapidly spread from the original animal to the entire litter, so the protocol was "Treat one—then treat them all." The foster families added medication schedules to their list of chores. With ringworm, the litters had to be quarantined in a specific area within the home, and foster parents had to wear protective clothing when handling the kittens. We eventually ran out of available foster families and had to treat many kittens on TALGV's premises.

The Animal League also received several male cats, who we suspect fathered at least *some* of the litters. Most of the tomcats, however, are still out there, doing what comes naturally. They provide the perfect example of how important it is to neuter/spay all your pets.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to our faithful foster families, who kept taking in kitten after kitten after kitten. What would we do without you?!! And, a big ROUND OF APPLAUSE to all the volunteers who provided on-site care and support—doing physicals, giving medications, arranging adoptions, and keeping track of the ins and outs of 146 kitties.

Are you interested in adopting a kitten? We have plenty to choose from. Why not adopt two—the second one is FREE! Please call 520-625-3170 to schedule an appointment.



Zooslander



## Meet TALGV's New Board Member

# Mary Ziegelbauer



I'm Mary Ziegelbauer, an Animal League volunteer since 2010 and TALGV's newest board member. My husband John (also a volunteer) and I have two rescue dogs from TALGV—Jesse (AKA Fluffy), 6 and Princess, 13.

Raised in Pittsburgh, I attended Syracuse University and received a BS in Business Administration/Education; and many years later, I earned an MA in Adult Education from the University of Florida.

In 1970, when I started teaching typing, it was in a high school classroom full of manual typewriters. Remember those? We used carbon paper and typing erasers, too. Thirty years later, I ended up maintaining my own computer lab and teaching "keyboarding," along with Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher. It was quite a transition.

John and I married in 1976 in Syracuse, New York, and promptly started moving—Milwaukee, Washington DC, Heidelberg, Tampa, and finally Green Valley. Our biggest adventure was living "on the economy" in a small town near Heidelberg, Germany, for eight years. John worked at HQ USAEUR/7<sup>th</sup> Army. While there, I taught for a variety of US community colleges that had overseas branches offering classes to American service members and their dependents. We thoroughly enjoyed our time living in Germany—fascinating trips, yummy food, and many great friends.

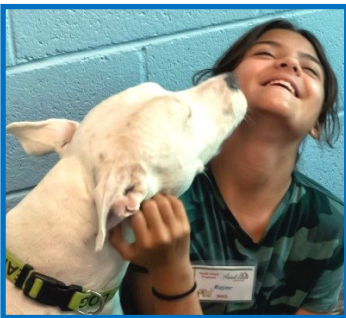
Volunteering at TALGV has been a rewarding experience. As the editor of our Paw Prints newsletter, I'm involved in fund raising and community awareness; I also help with data entry. In the past, I've prepared thank-you letters for donors and assisted with other publications.

Over the years, I have seen TALGV become a stronger organization with an ever-growing commitment to pets and people in Green Valley, Sahuarita, and surrounding communities. I look forward to helping us meet the challenges of the future.

## Doin' It FORE the Animals

THANK YOU to all the participants and volunteers who made the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament possible

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for TALGV



After a hiatus of two years due to the COVID-19 crisis, the YIPs (Youth Intern Program) have returned to TALGV. On May 31, forty teen-agers in grades 9 through 12 from local high schools started their summer volunteer program, which will run through July 31.

## THE YIPs ARE BACK

The youths will participate in all the same cat and dog activities that adult volunteers do. They will clean, empty litter boxes, feed, walk dogs, socialize with the animals, and interact with the public.

It's a Win-Win situation: the YIPs provide a valuable part of our summer workforce, and in addition, they get the hands-on experience of participating in animal rescue. We're elated to have the YIPs volunteering at TALGV again!



*Far back in the mists of time, we formed bonds with animals  
that are still unbreakable*

# The Surprising Human-Animal Bond

*By: Angela Ahearn*

Take a moment to notice what comes to mind when you think of "the human-animal bond." Is it an image? A feeling? A memory? A YouTube video? When I asked this question of my friend, she paused for a few seconds, and then replied, "Never being alone in the bathroom." Not an answer I expected!

The human-animal bond is, at its essence, a symbiotic relationship between a person and an animal which is mutually satisfying to both—physically, emotionally, and psychologically. I often find there is an emphasis on the benefits to people, but it is a reciprocal attachment. It's when we provide the environment for an animal to flourish that we may both discover our deepest connection.

For most companion animal lovers, our understanding of the human-animal bond is intuitive. We may struggle to find the words to describe how important and profound our feelings are. Pets can give us a unique, unfailing kind of love and affection. They are able to adore us regardless of our faults and failings. They entertain us and lift our spirits. They offer companionship and can fulfill a need to nurture. They may ease loneliness. They offer an unspoken solace when we are suffering. The presence of a loving animal can lower both blood pressure and stress hormone levels. We feel such intense love towards our animals, we call them family members.

## Your Feelings Have A Physical Basis

But let's look briefly at the origin of the term "human-animal bond." It was coined in the 1970s by a small group of veterinarians, who along with a psychiatrist, formed what



*Feeling The Love*

is now known as Pet Partners. Each of these founding members observed the benefits pets had on people. Since there was so little scientific research available, it became their mission to create an academic field to formally study the effects of human-animal interactions. As a result of their efforts, there are a growing number of universities with such departments.

Many fascinating research projects are underway. Here's a wild one. The Human Animal Bond Research Institute is researching whether pet ownership is microbiologically therapeutic to patients recovering from certain gut-related illnesses after taking long courses of antibiotics. Wow! Don't ask me to explain that, but it shows how far-reaching the benefits of living with animals might turn out to be.

From past research, we now know that both people and animals release endorphins, dopamine, and oxytocin in each other's presence. These "feel-good" chemicals reduce stress, depression, and anxiety in addition to promoting recognition, trust, romantic attachment, and parent-infant bonding.

The *New York Times* reports that "70 percent of pet owners say they sometimes sleep with their pets, 65 percent buy Christmas gifts for their pets, 23 percent cook special meals for their pets, and 40 percent of married women with pets say they get more emotional support from their pets than from their spouses." I confess to the first three. "No Comment" to the last one.



*Kids And Pets—  
It's A Natural Bond*



*Best Friends*

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*Adoption Day—  
Starting a New Bond*

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of US households  
own a pet



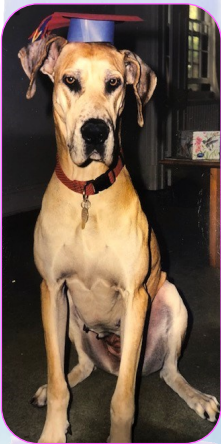
84.6  
million  
homes

## Just What The Doctor Ordered

Therapeutic contact from many types of animals can facilitate improvement in physical, social, emotional, and cognitive functioning. The American Veterinary Medical Association recommends the use of Animal-Assisted Interventions. These programs utilize animals trained to provide specialized assistance to the broader community.

Animal-Assisted Therapy (AAT) is one example of how the human-animal bond extends beyond our personal relationships. I certified my rescue Great Danes as AAT dogs back in the early '90s in Washington, D.C. The far-reaching effect they had on the lives of people and their families in nursing homes, rehab centers, and a school for severely disabled children was beyond what I could ever have imagined.

One day at a nursing home, a woman rushed up to me and began to profusely thank me for helping her mother speak again. I was so surprised when I realized who her mother was. During our visits, her mother hardly said a word, she was so completely engrossed in the dogs. Just picture this for a moment: a small, elderly woman sitting in a wheelchair, smiling down at two Great Danes, lying at her feet, gently licking her hands. The joy on the daughter's face made me feel so profoundly grateful for my dogs. It's impossible to anticipate the transformations animals can trigger.



*Honey—  
The AAT Dog*



*Offering Comfort  
When Times Are Bad*

AAT animals are hardly restricted to typical companion animals. Farm animals can also bring joy and healing. There are organizations specializing in using farm animals for therapy, including miniature horses, miniature donkeys, sheep, goats, llamas and even chickens, in their enrichment programs.

Equine-assisted therapies are widespread and often very effective for physical rehabilitation. Animal-Assisted Autism Therapy is another promising area of research. Verbal communication isn't required for an animal to provide affection and comfort. Animals can act as a social crutch when speech and social interactions are difficult.



*Happy Together*

## Love Is All You Need

Far back in the mists of time, we formed bonds with animals that are still unbreakable. Our lives have become intricately intertwined with theirs. Their elevated status as family members demonstrates our passion for their companionship.

At a time when we are in an epidemic of loneliness, animals may be our closest relationships.

Recently the human-animal bond has become a serious area of research, but for most of us it's just about love. The better we understand these bonds, the better we will understand ourselves. To quote another friend, "Animals can make us better people."



*The Author & Sawyer—  
Sharing Their Lives*

# Waggin' Tails & Perfect Endings

## News From Our Readers



### SKYE (AKA THELMA)

"I love my new home and humans. We have a huge yard, and I have guarded it from a gila monster, a huge gopher snake, and a big cat with a short tail. My human mom gives me lots of new experiences, and I keep us safe and happy."

~Skye Hyden



### VINCENT



Vincent's name fits him—although we sometimes call him "Vincent Van Go-Go" or "Vincezo." He usually has a sweet disposition, but did not like the self-cleaning litter box with crystals that I bought for him. First, he yelled at me, and then he peed on the couch. I'm back to the old-fashioned people-scooping clay formula. I sure learned my lesson!

~Ruth Kenrick

### ESTHER (AKA LOUISE)



### BLUE BOY (AKA CALIENTE)

Blue Boy is doing well in his new home, which includes two dogs and two cats. He has a doggie gate for separation, but at night he hops up on the bed to sleep with all of us.



Some people have kids; I have pets. Blue Boy gets along in my household and is so good. I'm glad I found him...or he found me!

~Katherine Heck



## Our Youngest Volunteer

Meet 10-year-old Aurora, TALGV's youngest volunteer, who comes in with her mother Jamie to work in the Cat Wing. Aurora loves to snuggle and play with the kitties and also enjoys making friends with all the adults. She has her own chores, like filling the food and water bowls and pulling the wagon to take out the trash. Her least favorite job is cleaning the litter boxes—no surprise there.

Although Aurora has been an animal-lover since she got her first kitty when she was a toddler, she has no plans for a veterinarian career. Instead, her passion is writing and drawing animal stories. Her art and writing skills improve every year, and she wants to be a successful young author and illustrator as early as possible.

Aurora is so happy that she was allowed to be a volunteer at TALGV. It is a dream come true for her and will positively affect her future. Now she can say that she has a job!



# Henrietta

The Barker family was driving north on I-19, heading home to Sahuarita, when they spotted a dog lying in the median, half hidden by weeds. They assumed she had been hit by a car and was dead. If she hadn't raised her head when she did, they would have driven right by her.

The dog needed immediate help, and the Barkers knew what they had to do. They turned around at the next exit and raced back for her.



They brought Henrietta to TALGV, where Vice President Rose Welliver arranged an emergency appointment at Civano Animal Hospital and authorized payment for any necessary treatment. The Barkers volunteered to drive "Hen" to the appointment and stay with her.

At Civano, this four-month-old, 26-pound puppy received emergency care and remained overnight. X-rays showed a complete fracture of the left tibia (shin), fractured right metatarsals (bones in foot), and possible damage to her pelvis and both femoral heads (bones in hip sockets), as well as multiple fractured teeth. The veterinarian splinted and bandaged both hind

legs and recommended orthopedic surgery with a specialist as her best chance for a complete recovery.

Two days later, after being examined by an orthopedic surgeon at Veterinary Specialist Center of Tucson (VSCOT), Henrietta received wonderful news. Her pelvis and femoral heads were intact and free of fractures. The left tibia was fractured, but it was a clean break and well aligned, so surgery wasn't necessary; her leg only required a splint for support. The bones in her right foot had small fractures which would heal on their own; and her broken teeth were, thankfully, "baby" teeth.

Again, the Barker family came to her rescue and volunteered to be her foster family until we could find a permanent home for her. Henrietta stayed with the Barkers for 10 days, able to scoot along and walk for short distances. Although in pain, she was sweet, good natured and thrived on their loving care. She captured their hearts, but they already had several pets and just couldn't keep her.

Happily, Henrietta had also captured the heart of Rochelle P., a veterinary technician at VSCOT who had assisted with her exam. Rochelle was quick to adopt her and is happy to report that they are settling in together and all is well.

Henrietta is one lucky girl. Once abandoned in the middle of the highway, she had the good fortune to be rescued by the Barker family—they were truly angels on her shoulder.

Now named "Egypt"—a new name for a new life—she has her very own forever home where her injuries will heal and she will be safe and loved.



## Nikki, Pepper & Henrietta received medical care

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