

# Paw Prints

A Newsletter for the Friends  
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of Green Valley

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## At Home in the Den

By: Elon, as told to Jennifer Symons



Elon

Among all the yards, kennels, rooms and other TALGV spaces, there is one special room for small dogs like me. My name is Elon, and until I'm adopted, you'll find me in the east wing of the dog building, in a cozy small-dog place called The Den.

Even if you're not a small dog, you're welcome to visit The Den, where you'll quickly see that everything has been chosen with small dogs in mind. Toys, dishes, and beds are all size small. Each dog has an individual sanctuary—often a large crate with the door left open to a fenced patio—and we're comfortably close to our neighbors. If two small dogs come in together as a bonded pair, they may share the same space in The Den.

As you know, small dogs come in different ages, colors, breeds, hairstyles, and even different sizes of small. However, we do have things in common. Most of us are pickup-able, don't take up much room on the couch, bed or car seat, and we're naturally cute. Small paws, small noses, small ears—well, most of us have small ears, dachshunds excluded. At TALGV, we also share the company of some extraordinary humans called Den Mothers.



Rocky



Jose



Zee Zee

TALGV Den Mothers are humans who have a lot of small dog know-how. For instance, they know the best ways to pick up a small dog, how to choose toys and beds for each dog, and—an absolute necessity—how to put on a small dog's harness, collar and leash for fun and safe walks outdoors. If a small dog has a particular personality—and, honestly, who doesn't? --the Den Mothers have experience with that, too.

The Den population varies from day to day, from just a couple of Den Dogs to a roomful. If you visit on a day a Den Dog has undergone a surgical procedure—a spay or neuter, dental, or possibly something else—you'll see a Den Mother holding that dog wrapped in warm towels until the anesthesia wears off. Please be assured that a volunteer sits with the medium and large dogs after surgery, too, but The Den Dogs are small enough to be held in someone's lap.

Every TALGV dog—large, medium, small and in-between size—has their own place at TALGV and in the hearts of those who love them. All of us are waiting for the day we go to our forever happy home. Until that day comes for me, I'm glad to say that in this big wide world, there's a refuge for small dogs in The Den at TALGV.



A busy day in the den

## Meet TALGV's New Board Member

# Michael Verselle



Michael is a native of San Diego CA, moving to Kingman AZ when he was 13. As a teenager, he discovered his love for the southwest desert, mountains, and the region's wildlife.

As an adult, he joined the U.S. Air Force as a Police Officer with a four-year stint in England. After returning to the US, he worked for casinos in Laughlin NV; his duties ranged from security to slot machine repair to managing crews for the slot department. Did you know that in the 1990s even small casinos could bring in up to \$300,000 per night? Michael was responsible for counting it all!

In 1998, he settled in southern Arizona, finding employment with the University of Arizona. He remains there today managing the IT infrastructure for the University's financial and document-management systems. He also found time to volunteer and train with the Southern Arizona

Rescue Association (SARA), which rescues injured hikers, and to become a reserve Law Enforcement officer.

His lifelong love for learning and animals led him to TALGV in 2022. Driven by an insatiable thirst for knowledge and a commitment to sharing it for the benefit of our beloved animal companions, he volunteered as a dog handler, embraced the training team, and shared his technical expertise with the IT team.

Beyond his professional and volunteer pursuits, Michael likes to sing when no one can hear and dance when no one is watching. He loves nature and has four adult children and six grandchildren who live throughout the country. His rescued "fur-kids" and remote "co-workers" are Krav (pittie mix) and Karma (black shepherd), who make sure he gets his work done (or else)! His heart holds a special place for beloved companions who await him at the Rainbow Bridge, a testament to the enduring bonds formed with furry friends who touched his life.



## Ann Euston ~ Scan Queen Extraordinaire

Want something scanned and digitized? Ann Euston—TALGV's Scan Queen— can help with that. On Sunday afternoons, Ann can be found in front of a scanner, cheerfully and diligently turning TALGV's animal adoption paperwork into digital form. When she started this task on May 3, 2020, she said, "This will take me a couple of months." Her friends laughed.

This month, she will complete her goal—all cat and dog adoption records since 2004, formerly stored in eleven file cabinets, will be digitized and saved as computer files. So far, Ann has scanned **9,508** adoption files, most averaging 25 pages of information, but some much longer. With only three more file drawers remaining, she is confident of finishing by the end of March. By then, Ann will have scanned more than 10,000 adoption files.



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# TALGV's office cat since 2021 Romeo is...



**"O**ften at the door to the cat wing. Is it for food or the water fountain or extra attention?" ~Dawn Hawkins

**"M**ost welcoming and friendly to all of our office visitors. He is handsome, charming, comical, often elusive with his hiding abilities and a master escape artist to the cat wing. He often helps me with adoptions by making himself at home on my paperwork and visiting with the adopter. He also assists with our dog/cat testing, always with composure and confidence. As his name implies, he is definitely a sweetheart and a great companion for our office." ~Kareen Kell

**"F**requently walking down the cat wing hall and observing what is going on in each room. Of course he does stop and play with the wand toys along the way." ~Pam White

**"A**n unusual eater. He uses his front paw to scoop up the food, puts paw to mouth, and licks it clean. Then he walks down the hall, leaving liver pate footprints." ~Mary Ziegelbauer

**"A**lways trying to be my friend. I don't interact with him because I am allergic to cats. Romeo would like to know me better, and I'd like to know him too, but unfortunately it's "shoo, shoo" cat for me." ~Bunny Callis

**"T**he purr-fect assistant, who even helps type letters by lying on the keyboard. He is a love, purring contentedly while being petted." ~Kim Eisele



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# HIGHLIGHTING TALGV 2023

## AWESOME DONORS

~Received support from **1,451 loyal and generous donors**. Thank you so much for keeping the shelter operating!

## ADOPTIONS

~Found forever homes for **891 animals**—**581 cats** and **310 dogs**, the most animals in four years.

## VOLUNTEERS

~Worked **134,828 hours**, the equivalent of **70 full-time employees**.

## AWARDS

~Voted 2023's "**Best Non-Profit Organization**" by readers of the *Green Valley News & Sahuarita Sun*

## THE ATTIC THRIFT STORE

~Raised **\$223,108** for animal care from Attic and Estate sales.

## AT THE SHELTER

~Loved, fed, housed and provided medical care for **1024 animals**—**630 cats** and **394 dogs**—including 93 pets transferred in from other animal rescue organizations.

## LOST ANIMALS

~Reunited **65 pets**—**15 cats** and **50 dogs** with their happy owners.

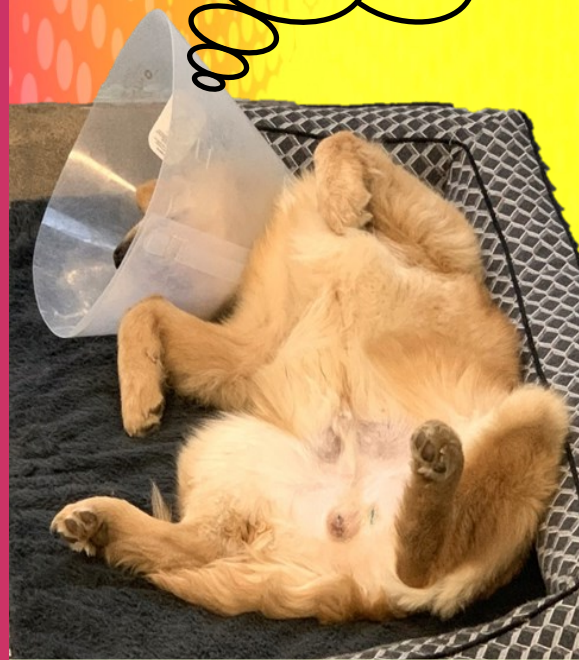
## FIXING IT UP

- ~Replaced windows & enclosed the "Man Cave" in The Attic Thrift Store.
- ~Installed fencing and sun shades in outside dog yards for animal comfort.
- ~Added concrete steps to Dog Yard H to increase volunteer safety.
- ~Created a patio retention wall & memorial garden.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ~Assisted **427 pets** owned by low-income families in our area with emergency care and euthanasia services.
- ~Provided low-cost spay/neuter services for **543 cats and dogs**.

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