



Margaret Roesch  
TALGV's founder

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and Supporters of  
The Animal League  
of Green Valley

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## 40 YEARS OF TALGV Part 1: The Early Years ~1984 - 2001

### Caring for People & Pets

Margaret Roesch had a driving desire to create a unique organization for the Green Valley retirement community—The Animal League of Green Valley (TALGV). Dedicated to keeping people and their pets together, she created a group of volunteers who would assist GV residents needing temporary help in caring for their cats and dogs. As a long-term goal, she envisioned a no-kill “pet retirement facility” that would provide a safe haven for companion animals after their owners had died or moved to care facilities where pets were not allowed.

Margaret was described as a visionary who was tenacious, persistent and sometimes just plain stubborn. She would need every ounce of that determination to make her dream come true. When she started planning TALGV in the early 1980s, she had no idea that she would face a 17-year quest for funding, community

acceptance, and a plot of land on which to build a pet care facility.

Margaret and her husband retired to Green Valley in 1971. After her husband died, Margaret began volunteering at the Humane Society of Tucson and also served as a hospice volunteer. She was instrumental in establishing St. Mary's Hospice in 1976, the first hospice facility in Green Valley, which later became Carondelet Hospice.

Her hospice work showed her that terminal patients owning cats or dogs were deeply worried about what would happen to their companion animals once the owner could no longer care for them. If a patient's family members or friends were unable or unwilling to accept the pet, the only alternative was to send the animal to Tucson's Humane Society or PACC. At that time, approximately 70% of cats and dogs sent to these facilities were euthanized.

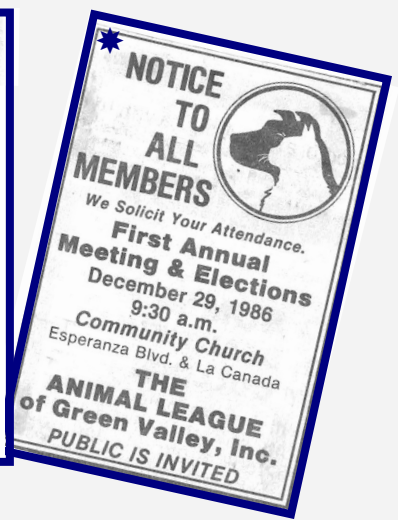
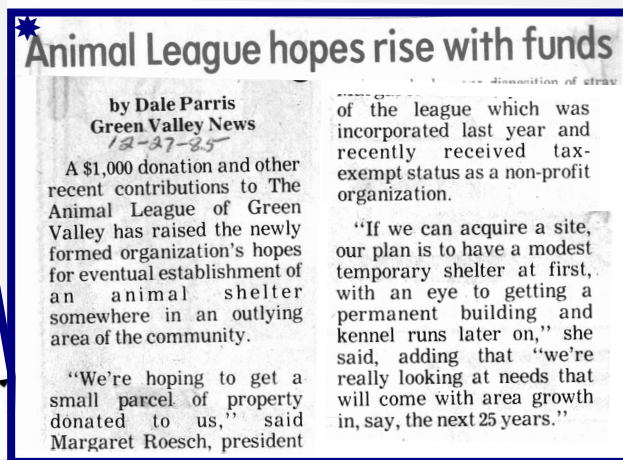
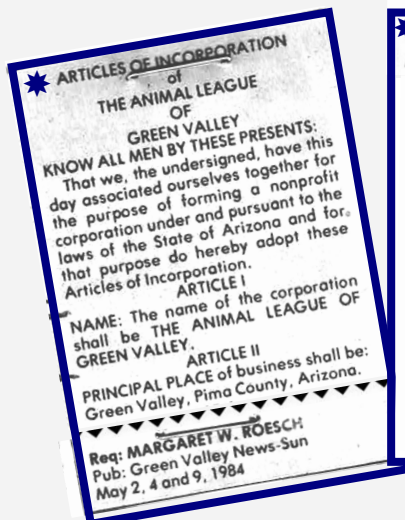
As an animal lover and humanitarian, Margaret firmly believed that Green Valley retirees should have a better choice for their cherished pets.

### Incorporated in 1984

Before they could advance further, TALGV had to obtain legal status. Margaret and her colleagues spent countless hours planning and creating the initial framework for the organization.

- ✓ TALGV was incorporated in Arizona on April 20, 1984, with Directors Margaret Roesch, Helen Leavenworth and Albert E. Cowper.
- ✓ TALGV gained 501(c)(3) non-profit status in October 1985.
- ✓ By December 1985, TALGV had 48 volunteers and approximately 100 donating members.

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## 1987: Land purchased

April 1987: TALGV raised \$21,000 and purchased a one-acre site on Ward Lane in the Casa Verde Commercial Center. Our Foster Care & Adoption Center would include six "kennel rooms" to house companion animals and would cost an estimated \$250,000.

Before TALGV could proceed with the actual construction, we incurred a wide array of preliminary expenses, including site setup, architecture and design plans, permits and other legal documents, insurance, temporary utilities, etc. By 1989, TALGV had spent approximately \$85,000.

## Problems & More Problems

Over the next two years, Margaret and TALGV confronted postponements and delays from the many governmental agencies involved in area development, along with several unexpected problems.

The two neighboring residential communities fought TALGV's construction on Ward Lane. Local residents were convinced that it would be "a neighborhood nuisance" because of noise and sanitation problems.

The Green Valley Council (GVC) recommended to Pima County's Board of Supervisors that TALGV's site plans be rejected.

The directors of the Green Valley Fire Department would not approve any new building plans at the Casa Verde Commercial Center due to inadequate fire protection. Paying for and installing the necessary water lines and hydrants required a \$100,000 bond issue, usually a routine part of development, but local property owners would not agree to proceed.

The biggest problem, however, was zoning.

## Zoning Woes

When TALGV purchased the Ward Lane site, there were serious misunderstandings regarding the existing zoning status. Originally, the Casa Verde Commercial Center was zoned RH (Rural Homestead).

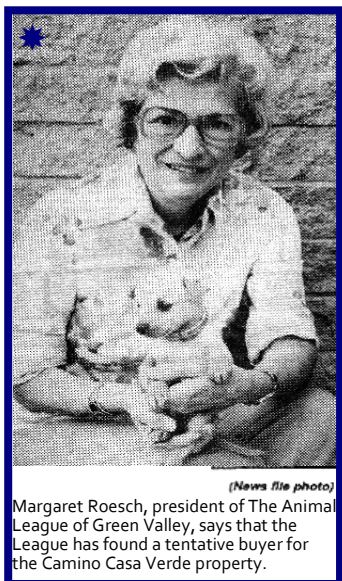


## Hogs But Not Dogs

In August 1989, Pima County Board of Supervisors denied the CB-2 zoning change needed to build our Foster Care center. They did agree to a two-year extension of the rezoning request, at which time we could reapply or submit a revised plan in accordance with the existing RH zoning.

Ironically, TALGV owned a piece of property that was zoned to raise hogs, but our care center for cats and dogs was not allowed.

TALGV's board of directors spent the next two years looking for another appropriate site but had little success. Possible property was either too expensive, located in undeveloped areas not easily accessible by volunteers, or improperly zoned. Even worse, TALGV had no money available to purchase a new property. Not only were our donated funds of \$85,000 tied up in the existing Ward Lane site, but also, because of the current RH status, TALGV was unable to sell this land to a commercial user. We were stuck with a property that we couldn't use and couldn't sell.



## 1991: Resolution

Finally, in August 1991, the Pima County Board of Supervisors came up with a solution to our impasse. They granted a CB-2 zoning change, but with restrictions that barred TALGV from using the land as a foster care and adoption center.

Although The Animal League could not build its facility, this ruling did enable us to sell the land to another commercial investor. TALGV lost \$30,000 on the sale, but we now had funds available and were able to look elsewhere.

## Dec. 1991: A New Start

In December 1991, TALGV spent \$110,000 to purchase a 2½-acre plot on Beta Street with the appropriate zoning. TALGV intended this site to eventually house the pet adoption center, administrative offices, 20 kennel-rooms, caretaker's apartment, and a thrift store. The total cost for the entire facility was estimated to be \$1,000,000.

To celebrate this new beginning, Margaret and the other board members raised a celebratory sign on the property, announcing that construction would begin in 1994. That starting date, however, was optimistic. TALGV needed \$200,000 to begin the first phase of building, and we just didn't have the funds.



Beta Street site, 1991



Preliminary site work: Grading completed and foundations started, 1996

Construction was delayed for two more years, while TALGV increased its fund-raising efforts with a mass mailing requesting donations and "Dog Bank" donation boxes at local businesses.



(News photo by Mario Aguilar)  
On hand for the erection of the sign announcing The Animal League of Green Valley's adoption center are new board members (left to right) Sally Reid, board member; Herb Strauman, building committee member; Margaret Roesch, president; and Ruth Neuman, chairman of adoptions. Not pictured: Sam Galant, treasurer.

## 1996: Ready to Build

By 1996, Margaret Roesch and TALGV had the funds necessary to begin the first phase of construction. A contract was signed with an area builder who agreed to build in phases as more funds became available. The property's zoning was appropriate, site plans and building permits had been approved by Pima County, and TALGV was finally ready to start its long-awaited brick and mortar building.



(News photo by James C. Orchard)

**IN THE DOG HOUSE, PLEASE** — The Animal League of Green Valley has begun a new fund-raising effort which includes these handmade miniature doghouses. The chimney area is not for Santa, but for donations toward the League's building fund and their animal-care activities. Don Herk, owner of Arizona Family Restaurant,

displays one of the donation boxes, presented to him by League President Margaret Roesch. Other locations already assigned one of these little homes are the Lunch Link, Green Valley Video, Second Look Books, Coast to Coast, the Animal Care Center and Santa Rita Dog Grooming, with other locations to be announced.

Jan 1995

## Developers file suit to halt GV Animal League facility

On May 15, 1996. Green Valley Apartment No. 1, LLC, filed a restraining order in the Pima County Superior Court to temporarily halt construction at TALGV's site and to ultimately rescind TALGV's site plan and building permits.

Green Valley Apartments No. 1 represented The Quorum developers, who were slated to build Sandstone Ridge, a luxury apartment complex, plus a Holiday Inn Express on adjacent property. The Quorum develop-

ers claimed that Pima County lacked the jurisdiction to approve TALGV's site plan, since the town of Sahuari-ta had legal authority at the time of approval. In addition, lawyers for The Quorum contended that TAL-GV's site plan was inadequate, missing many necessary elements of a developmental plan. A court date was set for May 24.

Fortunately, the court hearing was unnecessary. According to attorney Lawrence Schubart, who repre-

sented TALGV on a *pro bono* basis, officials from both The Quorum's management and TALGV's Board of Directors had been searching for an out-of-court solution to the problem.

In a spirit of cooperation, as well as compassion, The Quorum developers offered an alternative parcel of land in a different, more rural location, along with \$100,000 to help offset costs. Margaret Roesch, TALGV's president, accepted the arrangement.

**1997-2001: Margaret's Dream in Progress**



It looks empty now, but it will become our home



Pouring the footings



Ground-breaking ceremony-May 19, 1998.  
Pictured L to R: Unknown, Ruth Neuman, Jeanne Winters, Margaret Roesch, Unknown, Herb Strauman, TC Duncan

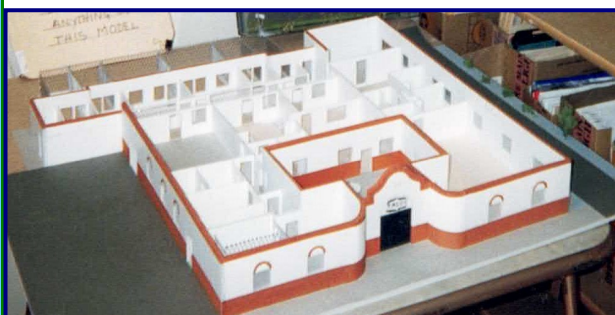


Volunteers remember an old trailer on the site that TALGV used as an office.



Walls going up

# TALGV RISING



Model of the building —note the open courtyard

Every day for four years, TALGV supporters watched the building progress, hardly daring to believe it was really going to happen. But finally, there it was—TALGV's pride and joy—a 7,500 sq. ft. single-story structure with Spanish mission-style architecture and an interior open courtyard. Costing \$450,000, the building included office space, a thrift store, caretaker's apartment, and six indoor/outdoor kennel rooms. Margaret Roesch proudly reported that "...everything from ground to roof top is fully paid for. There are no outstanding obligations."



Back of building—  
Kennel rooms  
before  
outdoor runs  
were added



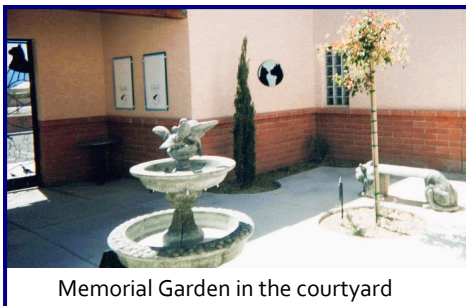
East side—Attic area and caretaker's apartment



Almost  
move-in  
ready

## April 2001: TALGV Moves Into Their New Building

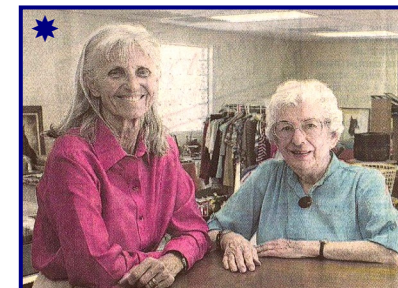
Margaret and the volunteers had been waiting for this day since 1984! The move into the new building in April 2001 gave TALGV much-needed space —ample room for an office area, an apartment for a caretaker to insure the animals' safety at night, kennel rooms for housing cats and dogs, and animal support rooms. The open courtyard became a tranquil Memorial Garden in honor of much-loved pets, and the beautiful front doors provided the perfect finishing touch to the entryway.



Memorial Garden in the courtyard



TALGV's one-room thrift store



Moving In: Jeanne Winters and Margaret Roesch



Looking out from the courtyard

## Where were the animals?

The only thing lacking at the new facility was cats and dogs. We had run out of money to finish the animal infirmary, food preparation room, grooming areas, sanitary and laundry services and outdoor runs. Also, the building did not yet have air-conditioning.

Volunteers could manage to "rough it," but we could not safely house any displaced pets until the

vital support areas were completed. TALGV needed more funds—approximately \$150,000.

Thanks to an on-going community-wide effort, donations continued to come in. Piece by piece, the six kennel rooms and necessary animal support areas were finished. By 2002, TALGV received Pima County approval to bring in cats and dogs.



Donations were always welcome. Brian Johnson, assistant manager of Wal-Mart, presented Margaret Roesch with a check for \$1,655, the proceeds from Wal-Mart's local holiday charity event.

## Animal Milestones



Misty, a black-and-white Tuxedo cat, was the first animal to be adopted from TALGV's new facility. Misty was delighted to choose Pat and Gorden Burgess, TALGV volunteers, as her forever parents.

This injured and abandoned kitten was the first stray animal brought into TALGV; all previous animals came from homes where the owners could no longer care for them. Although her arrival "strayed" from TALGV policy, the kind-hearted volunteers could not turn her away.

### TALGV offering recuperating kitten for adoption 8/2/02

Editor:  
Last week, a Sahuarita Police Department volunteer rescued a bleeding kitten from the middle of Duval Mine Road and immediately brought it to The Animal League of Green Valley. They took the kitten to Dr. [Thomas] Pescod at the Duval Animal Hospital and this 6-week-old tortoiseshell kitten was diagnosed with a badly torn mouth and several minor cuts.  
Since the primary service of TALGV is working with people and their pets, this was a new experience, but the emergency had a happy ending. The kitten is now recuperating at the TALGV facility on Duval Mine Road and is recovering nicely.



Jeanne Winters  
The Animal League of Green Valley

## Volunteers

While the long quest for a building was continuing, Margaret and the other TALGV volunteers never stopped taking care of the animals. From the start, dedicated volunteers were vital to TALGV's existence—*without them, TALGV would not exist*. With the exception of receiving phone calls at a rented desk at Kachina Telecommunications in the Green Valley Mall, *all* activities were conducted in the homes of volunteers, including animal care for displaced pets.

In the 17 years between 1984 and 2001, volunteers provided assistance to approximately 8,500 Green Valley residents and their pets.

What did volunteers do?

- ✓ Visited residents' homes to perform day-to-day animal care (walking, feeding, etc.) when residents were dealing with a health crisis.
- ✓ Offered temporary foster care in the volunteer's own home for companion animals whose owners had moved to a nursing facility or had died. (Volunteers remember when the Arizona room in Margaret's home became a "temporary" cat condo.)
- ✓ Tried to find permanent homes for these displaced cats and dogs. TALGV did not charge for this service.
- ✓ Created a lost-and-found telephone tree to reunite missing pets with their owners.
- ✓ Promoted low-cost spay/neuter services through local veterinarians and county agencies.
- ✓ Found emergency veterinary services for ill or injured pets.
- ✓ Offered a yearly "Blessing of the Animals" for 30 years, starting in 1990, and ending in 2020 when the COVID epidemic occurred.
- ✓ Visited local nursing homes, bringing pets to share their love with the residents.
- ✓ Organized local dog shows, cat shows, and other public awareness events.
- ✓ Solicited donations.
- ✓ Kept the dream alive.

### \*New service

Editor: 4/9/86  
Not enough people in Green Valley know of a new volunteer program just getting started. It is the Animal League of Green Valley.

Suddenly, I cannot take my dog on her morning walk, but the Animal League has sent me a very nice volunteer who comes every single morning to take her for a brisk walk and cleans up after my dog too.

I am so grateful for this service that the only way I can reciprocate is to let the rest of you know about it.

Joanne B. Smith  
Green Valley

**T.A.L.G.V. The Animal League of Green Valley PRESENTS**

**"JUST FOR FUN" DOG SHOW**

**MARCH 12, 1988 1 TO 4 P.M.**

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### The Animal League of Green Valley First Volunteer Orientation Meeting

Saturday, April 23, 1988  
9:30-11:30 am  
Friendship Room  
Southwest Savings  
Green Valley Mall



**FELINE FINE**—Martha Smith was one of the residents at the Santa Rita Health Care Center who got a boost when TALGV brought dogs and kittens to the nursing home for a visit.

### \*TALGV to the rescue

Editor: G.V. News/Sun 7/30/85  
This is to thank all those people who helped me to recover my lost cockatiel which escaped from our house recently. We are new residents of Green Valley now living in Continental Vistas. I had heard of the good work of The Animal League of Green Valley in helping find lost pets, so I called immediately. Margaret Roesch was most willing to help, and contacted members of TALGV living in Continental Vistas to ask them to be on the lookout for a grey cockatiel. Radio station KGVY was also most helpful by putting a lost bird announcement on the air. The next day I received a call from Betty Hower who lives a few blocks away. She had found "Lulu," who had come to her patio. Mrs. Hower had located me thru a TALGV member who had been alerted by Margaret Roesch. Many thanks again to all those good people who were concerned in helping find a little lost bird.

Elizabeth Kruihoff  
Green Valley

### \*T.A.L.G.V. pulls out all stops to help recover lost dog



**HAPPY TO BE HOME**—Cookie gets some well-deserved attention from Jerry & Cyvia Wohlman following an ordeal that had telephones ringing from one end of GV to the other in an attempt to locate Cookie after she escaped from her exercise area.

**ATTENTION!**

**ALL CRITTERS!**

SECOND ANNUAL  
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ALL PETS — ANTS to ZEBRAS —  
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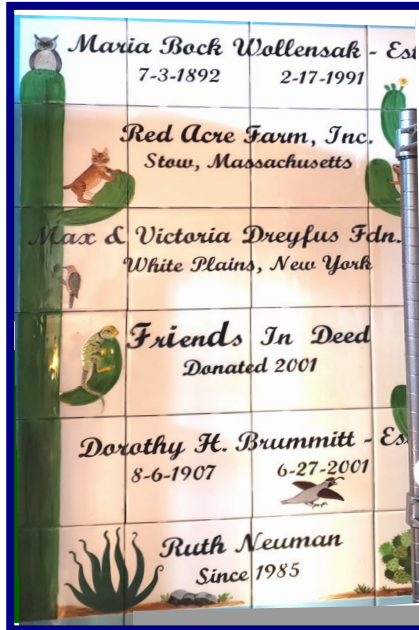
**SATURDAY - FEB. 6<sup>th</sup> - 10 A.M.**

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INFORMATION: 625-3170 / FREE WILL DONATIONS

*In Honor of TALGV's Original Donor/Members*



TALGV owes a debt of gratitude to those original donor/members from our early years (1984 to 2001) who were so generous with their contributions. They believed in Margaret's dream; their continuing support turned it into a reality. We wish we could list all of them here.



There are many plaques on display in The Attic honoring their gifts. Other mementos in their honor are located throughout TALGV's site, including a commemorative cat bench. Do you know where it is?

*A Tribute to Margaret*

It took 17 years and many frustrations and disappointments for Margaret to make her dream come true. A less determined woman would have given up, but Margaret never did. She fought for the shelter's acceptance, wrangled funds from friends and strangers alike, created and motivated the volunteer staff, and ultimately saw TALGV's building rise in the desert.

In 2003, Margaret resigned as TALGV's president. She passed away in 2007.

Today, after 40 years in existence, TALGV continues to assist local residents and their pets and remains Margaret Roesch's living legacy.

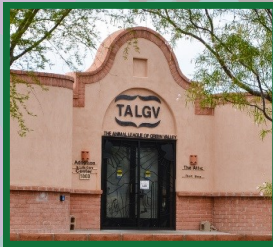
"40 Years of TALGV" will continue in the Winter issue of Paw Prints—the growth years, COVID and the future.

Kris & Spaz are agog. "Wow—what a tail! TALGV has been helping animals for 40 YEARS. How is that even paw-sible?"

**Please Donate**

Penelope is all ears. "I've heard that TALGV relies on your dog-gone donations and no bones about it."

**Keep The Dream Alive**



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## 40 Years of TALGV



Thanks to Margaret Roesch  
and her volunteers

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