

# Paw Prints

A Newsletter for  
the Friends and  
Supporters of  
The Animal  
League  
of Green Valley

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## Happy Tails!

By Sherry Beavers

Larry arrived at TALGV in 2023. Wow, was he scared...completely shut down, shaking in the corner of the veranda. Right away he was moved inside to a quiet room with a cozy covered crate in hopes of giving him a safe space where he could unwind and relax.

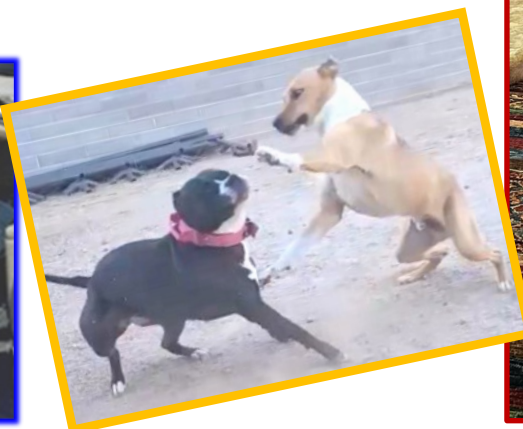
But it didn't seem to work. Poor guy, Larry was scared of everything and everyone. He'd shake and cower at the back of his crate, afraid of any and all people and affection. Larry ended up with only a few persevering volunteer friends who continued to work with him.

Of course, he had a lot of crazy needy requirements, like following exactly the same route every single walk. Try to go a different direction? Larry would pancake (lay down flat). And he would do his famous "crab walk," skittering sideways and back and forth, to get back to his crate as fast as he could. Larry was also a VERY picky eater. He had his own special food that had to be warmed in the microwave in exactly the same food bowl. Every day. We slowly started introducing Larry to other dogs on walks, hoping he would gain confidence being around them. He finally realized that having dog friends was fun and made the world less scary. He began on pack walks with multiple dogs and eventually took outings to Anamax Park with Sancho and Apollo.

In March, TALGV volunteer Sandy Hedlund asked to foster Larry for two months. Everyone was curious to see how well he would do in a real home having spent two years at the League. Larry surprised us all by how quickly and calmly he settled in with Sandy, her husband, and their dog.

One potential adopter visited Larry several times at Sandy's home, then Larry made a trip to Tucson to meet their equally shy dog, Potchi. Since these meet and greets went so well, they agreed to adopt Larry. He now lives with one doggie sister in a calm, quiet home with folks who are experienced with shy dogs like him.

Larry has found his forever home! On Mother's Day Larry celebrated at Grandma and Grandpa's, meeting family and playing with his sibling, Potchi.



# ❁❁ *From the Desk of the President* ❁❁

*By Kim Eisele*

We've flown through the first half of the year with many puppies and kittens coming in to The Animal League.

Thank goodness for our foster moms and dads, who take in any kitten under 2 months old and under 2 pounds, until they're adoptable. In fact, through June we've had so many kittens come in we're offering **2 for the price of 1!!!** So, if you're thinking of adopting, how about 2? Twice the fun and twice the love.

We've had an abundance of grown animals arrive too. As of June 30, totals to date: 553: 337 cats and 216 dogs. We've adopted out 245 cats and 186 dogs, totaling 431. These numbers are all higher than last year.

We have had some amazing adoptions. A few weekends ago, we adopted out both Shamrock and Kooper, two long term TALGV doggie residents. And 9 cats too! It was a fantastic few days

and gave us a true feeling of accomplishment as we watched the animals go to wonderful homes. Our volunteers and Vet Techs have been working tirelessly to keep the animals healthy and happy.



It's stressful for a relinquished animal to go from a comfy home to a scary shelter.

Our volunteers work diligently to help comfort the dogs and cats to make them feel safe and loved. Some of our strays come in terrified of the world too. We have an amazing training team who works with these dogs.

We are in the midst of a few high dollar improvements to TALGV. We will be repaving

the road out front and our back parking lot. We're also going to install a fence around TALGV to help keep the animals safe at night.

We appreciate every dollar donated which helps the homeless cats and dogs in our charge. Thank you for caring about our critters.

*Kim*  
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## Love Cats & Dogs?

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# Hooray for YIPS!

By Kim Eisele

As May comes to an end, The Animal League's snowbird volunteers start packing up their cars to move somewhere cool for the summer. This mass exodus leaves TALGV short many volunteers. Luckily, at the same time, TALGV starts accumulating applications from students interested in joining our Youth Intern Program. Thank goodness because we can really use their help.

The Youth Intern Program is for any student who will be in Grades 9-12 in the coming fall. Occasionally, a student who is under 18 but has already graduated from high school also joins the program. We had one such student this year. Fondly referred

Some opt to work the first shift in either the cat care department or dog care department. This shift starts bright and early at 6:00 am. If in the cat care department, they help clean the rooms and empty litter boxes. YIPs volunteering with the dogs are responsible for helping clean kennels while some of them also walk dogs.



to as YIPs, the teenagers are a Godsend during the hot summer months.

TALGV's Youth Intern Program began in 2011. We had to take a hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2022 we opened up the program once again, and we have been having it annually since then. We usually average around 40 students, with many of them coming back for a second, third or fourth year.

After attending three days of orientation, the youths start their regular schedules.

**We asked: What do you think of the YIP program?**  
**Brianna—"Definitely an experience!"**  
**Salma—"Beneficial for the pets. They get more socialized and that makes them easier to adopt."**  
**Avery—"Positive place. I really enjoyed it."**  
**Aubrey—"I'd like to do it again to help dogs and cats to get adopted."**

Second shift cat YIPs socialize with the felines by petting, brushing, and sometimes even reading to them. Some of the youths have the really tough job of playing with the kittens.

On the dog side, YIPs socialize with the dogs and puppies and interact with the public. Picking up poop is one of the duties when working with the dogs. It's a yucky job, but someone has to do it. You may also see the students outside hosing down the walkways so the dogs don't burn their paws on the pavement.

The YIPs volunteer for a full eight weeks. In order to receive a Certificate of Completion, they must volunteer a minimum of eight shifts.

The YIP's time at TALGV ends with a party thrown in their honor. Hot dogs, chips and cake are consumed, as the YIPs and their families visit with one another.

Maybe we will see some of them again next year!





# Fostering—It's an Act of Love

By Ann Euston

Do you yearn to have a furry friend around, but can't see your way to a forever commitment? Perhaps offering your foster services to The Animal League could help fill that pet-shaped hole in your heart.

Fostering means agreeing to take in and take good care of a TALGV animal for a set period of time. We have lots of pets who need special attention for a host of reasons. For either dogs or cats, it could be needing quiet downtime or focused exclusively on a pet recovering from a medical procedure.

For cats the greatest demand is for fosters for very young kittens who need intensive attention and care to reach the adoptable stage. A kitten is ready for adoption when it's healthy, eight weeks old, and weighs at least two pounds.

For dogs it's usually the grown-up ones who need some foster love, with individualized attention for special needs from training to socialization. Some dogs just plain need a break from the shelter environment. The goal here is to make the dog happier and more adoptable.

Often too The Animal League is completely filled and has no more room, at which point foster placement becomes vital. (FYI, this past June was the first time, since Covid, that all the dogs could be housed inside—ah air-conditioning!). Frequently litters of kittens are isolated from others to prevent the spread of common kitten maladies, meaning that a single cat family occupies an entire room in the cat wing. Luckily generally, adult cats can be housed together.



## KITTENS and KITTENS and CATS (oh my!)

In the cat wing, Pam White, foster coordinator, is always looking for folks who are able and willing to take on kittens. Although the baby kitty season has traditionally been spring and summer, the situation seems to be changing. One recent Christmas season, TALV received 17 kittens in one drop off, all needing foster care. Often the babies are left outside and abandoned until some kind stranger discovers them and brings them to us. This is where fostering takes on possible life-or-death meaning. Very young, motherless babies must be bottle fed every two hours, round the clock, until they move on to eating on their own. Frequently they must be bathed, checked out physically and medicated if indicated. But not to worry: Pam's ready to outfit you with everything you need to do the job. She's got it all except maybe a cure for sleep deprivation!



Obviously fostering these very young animals requires a very special type of parent. It's not easy. But perhaps this short intensive project sounds like just your ticket. On the other hand, you can also choose to foster kittens beyond their bottle days. They still need attention and love to thrive. Beyond litters, there are sometimes lone kittens that need TLC too.

As they grow up, most cats only need a short time for the right loving adopter to come along. But sometimes a cat may have a particular "quirk" (think shy, aloof, scared, not socialized) that makes them less than easy to place in a new home. Here's where cat wing volunteers step up and make every effort to bring these cats out through play, lap sitting and petting, and just by giving each cat individual attention.



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## HOW ABOUT DOGS?

With dogs it's a little different. Most adoptable dogs are grown-up. Puppy litters do come in, just not frequently and rarely without a mom. Sue Bollig, foster dog coordinator, oversees dog fostering with a dedicated squad of volunteers. They take every opportunity to place dogs in foster who have spent a long time in the shelter, have behavioral issues, need socialization or just plain need a break in their routine.



To be a foster dog parent you need to become a volunteer and have basic training skills, especially commands, so you can help train your foster to become a better adoption candidate. Potential foster parents are screened with an eye toward finding a foster home that may last for several months and for good matches of temperament on both sides. It's a delicate process but rewarding for both parties as dogs often "bloom" outside of the shelter environment, showing sides of their personalities that may have been overshadowed being around so many other TALGV dogs.

Both dog and cat foster parents are expected to commit to a specific time frame. Of course there is always flexibility if the foster situation changes. But fostering, especially with adult dogs, is not meant to be a trial period to see if the pet is right for you and your family.


That's where the adoption process kicks in. TALGV adoption counselors try to carefully match pet to person so everyone will be happy with the forever outcome.

## SAYING GOOD BYE (sigh)

Often, when fostering is completed, the parting is bittersweet. Pam tells kitten fosters that the goal is to say goodbye. Sue tries to recruit folks who already know they can say goodbye. She calls it self-evaluation.

Just think, when it's all over, you'll have life-long bragging rights to an experience you will always remember. Foster parents will tell you it is unique and deeply rewarding. The Animal League is lucky to have folks who have dedicated themselves to this work and have adapted their homes and their lives to take in these neediest of pets. **Does that describe you?**





Thank you!

### FEBRUARY FUNDRAISER

Heartfelt thanks to Dana and her crew.

In February Volunteer Dana Barnes hosted a fundraiser for TALGV. Named "Giving Your Heart to the Animals," over the course of three hours, Dana and her team auctioned and raffled off a vast array of art, jewelry, food and other amazing donated items. The total raised was (drumroll please) \$12,536!

# Adopted Is My Favorite Breed

Updates from our adopters



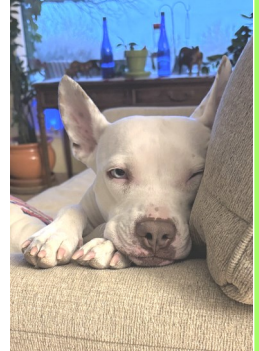
Everything is going great with **TOBY**. I've dropped the "boy" from his name. He has settled in extremely well. Eats well, knows his name, and comes when called. Gets along wonderfully with my other two dogs, and they have helped get him used to potty time outside. He had a few accidents in the first couple of days but that has subsided now.

He's found his favorite places to sleep in the house - the den couch, and various pet beds. Loves to sun himself in the backyard, and shares my bed during the night with my other two dogs. He's met several friends and they all loved him, and he was gentle with all those strangers and showered many with kisses.



**"TAILZ" NEW NAME IS LUV**, pronounced Love after my husband. My husband, Clint, died 2/28/25 and I found sweet Luv 3 days later. I could not stay in this house by myself and the family knew that I had always said that the day my Love died, I would get a dog.

My husband's daughter stayed with me for 4 days and we went to 3 shelters but I couldn't find any dog that I had to have. We saw the picture of one dog at your shelter and went to adopt her. I walked by Luv's kennel, she didn't get up, just opened her eyes, then closed them again. All the other dogs were jumping around and barking. Bottom line, I had to see her, then had to have her.



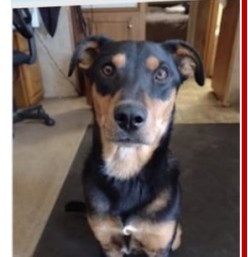
**LORD TIMOTHY SIBERIOUS** is doing fantastic.

We are totally bonded. He is my buddy and constant companion in my home and on our 2 1/2 mile and shorter daily walks. Contrary to warnings, I can leave him alone in the house when I'm gone for a few hours - no destruction; he can be off leash in the 4ft fenced back yard with me there, and does not try to escape. I am so fortunate to have been adopted by him.

She is the sweetest and most loving dog, and sleeps with me with her head on my leg or chest. Sweetest until she sees another dog or a javelina. I am planning on getting a trainer for her. I will not just let anyone work with Luv. They have to understand the breed and be kind.

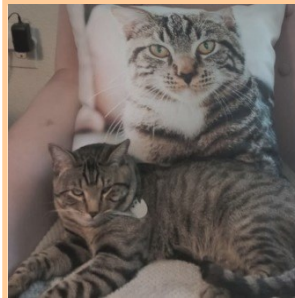
**RICO** is a joy!

He's settling in nicely and hasn't shown any issues. He's having a blast chasing rabbits, playing tug, and getting belly rubs.



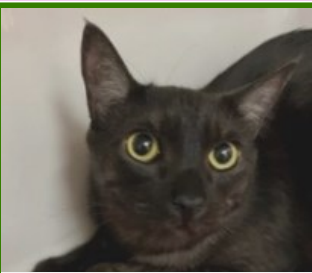
**TIMMY** is settling in to his new home. He's adjusted in every way possible: he's perched in many places, has bird-watched from his window and TV video, and has even done some zoomies!

We are amazed how quickly he made our home HIS home, sleeping with us from the first night. He has many voices, including a loud "You're back!" when we return home. We love him!



**OVEE, FORMERLY OTIS**, is doing well in his new home!

He's adorable, has lots of play-time, and is adapting well. He is very playful and keeps me busy, like a child. He is very intelligent and I have trained him to give paw for treats. Hopefully, he will be a great companion for many years to come.



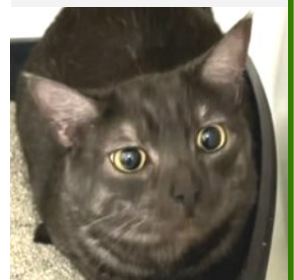
**PERCY ALEXANDER LOVE DAY**  
(previously known as Jasper)

These two brothers traveled to Bisbee, AZ, to my home with lots of windows and front and back screened-in porches. They both like to watch the birds from their cat trees, play with stringed toys, and cuddle up with me. The first night, both jumped onto my bed to sleep with me. They eat canned food three times a day with kibble out for night. They both like to be brushed. They give me kisses and talk to me. They are elegant and they have touched my heart.

Originally, I came to TALGV after looking on the website at two other cats, but those two didn't warm up to me the way these two did. We three are totally in love!



**RUPERT ALISTAIR LOVEJOY**  
(previously known as Luca)



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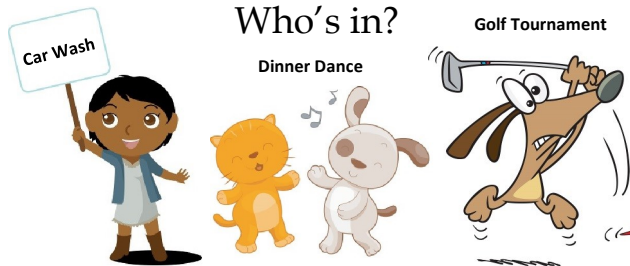
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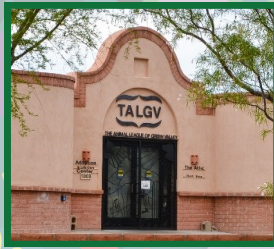
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