

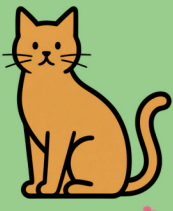


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A Newsletter for the
Friends and Supporters of
The Animal League
of Green Valley
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Yay! I was a Barking
Lot Failure!



AS TOLD TO DENISE SCHULTZ

Remember how last fall, The Animal League of Green Valley (TALGV) had its parking lot repaved? This involved two weeks of noise, dust and upheaval. Anticipating that the dogs might go bonkers with all the activity, an SOS was sent out. Almost 60 local folks stepped up and 25 dogs “vacationed” in various homes around town. In the end it turned out 15 dogs were “foster failures.” These foster parents discovered they just couldn’t part with their new family members. Here are two of their stories.



I'm CIDER (now SIERRA.) My new family wasn't really shopping...but turns out they couldn't resist my touching appeals for belly rubs and quiet feminine charms. And I love my new name Sierra—much more ladylike. Timid at first, I never even barked, much less ate or played. But WOW have I changed! I've learned to love long walks, car rides, meeting people and playing with other dogs. I've taken over the doggie beds, along with all the other comfy furniture I'm allowed on. I know all basic commands and am working on passing my good citizen training. But I hate to be alone! Sorry, but with shoes just lying around, I can't help but chew them up (eight pairs and counting.) I've also been known to “counter surf.” Still Ray and Linda say I'm a wonderful playful girl and enjoy all my antics. And they definitely give the very best belly rubs!



I'm GHOST. My new family was asked to foster me after I was stuck at the shelter during construction (ringworm!) TALGV thought I still needed a vacation. My foster family said OK...but they weren't sure they were ready to adopt. I quickly changed their minds with my winning ways: loyal, loving, always around. And I love walks. As they get ready, I get excited. When asked, “Do you want to GO?” I leap into the air and jump around. After I'm harnessed I dance around again. And oh boy can I sniff. I guess I could have been trained as an emergency finder dog, or for drugs or illness. Honestly though, I love my couch. That's why they affectionately call me Potato. I heard some other family contacted TALGV and thought they wanted me. But our family talked it over and I asked them PLEASE to keep me. We set up the adoption right then and there.



From the Desk of the President

To our valued donors,



On behalf of The Animal League of Green Valley, thank you for your generosity and your belief in our mission. Your support is the foundation of every life we save, every recovery we celebrate, and every future we help rewrite for animals in need.

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In a time when the need continues to grow, your commitment has never mattered more. Rising veterinary costs and increased intake place constant demands on our resources, yet your continued support ensures that no animal is turned away due to lack of funding. Every dollar you give is stewarded carefully and used where it makes the greatest, most immediate impact.

Beyond the tangible outcomes, your support sends a powerful message: that animals matter, that kindness matters, and that our community stands up for those who cannot advocate for themselves. You are not just donors — you are partners in our lifesaving work.

As we look ahead, we are focused on expanding our reach, strengthening our programs, and responding swiftly to emergencies as they arise. With your ongoing generosity, we can continue to meet these challenges with confidence and compassion.

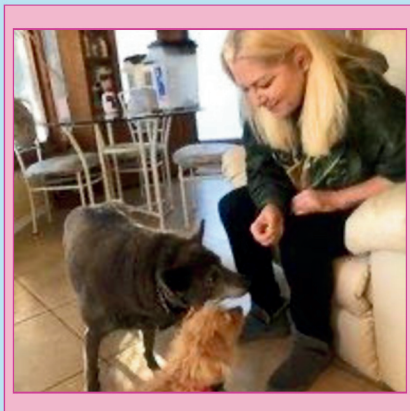
Thank you for trusting us, believing in our mission, and standing with us. Together, we are creating second chances and building a more humane future — one furry life at a time.

With deepest gratitude,

Kimberly D. Eisele
President

The Animal League of Green Valley

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Meet Our New Board Members



Elected in January 2026, Chuck Borozinski brings a wealth of experience from a 20-year career at Boeing as well as a lifetime of public service including: 30 years as a pilot with the “Young Eagles” program, introducing aviation careers to hundreds of children; and volunteering with various public service organizations around Arizona. He also coaches wheelchair pickleball players and blind golfers.

Lucky for us, he’s chosen TALGV too. Since becoming our maintenance coordinator in June 2025, Chuck has made significant improvements to our facilities. He is also a dedicated dog handler.

His vision: “Volunteer demographics will change significantly as we lose more Baby Boomers. We’ll need to be proactive in reaching younger generations to bridge that gap.”

By Denise Shultz

Phoebe Harris, a Tucson native, is a local lawyer who focuses on estate planning and animal law. As our newest board member filling out a remaining term, she looks like the perfect fit! Not only does she work to protect animal rights legally, but also practices what she preaches—coming alive when talking about her multiple rescue horses and dogs.

She’s been a supporter of TALGV for years, and welcomes the opportunity to share her legal expertise. In addition to legal insights, she’s happy to bring a new “outside” perspective to The Animal League.

Her goal? “To hook up TALGV with more potential public partners like Pima County’s Animal Welfare Court prosecutor and sheriff’s department animal abuse detectives.”

By Ann Euston



WHO RAN THIS BARKING LOT PROJECT ANYWAY? By Lori Walker



With parking lot construction coming, we volunteers worried about our dogs. Coming from a Florida foster-based rescue program, and building on TALGV’s Covid experiences, I offered to spearhead a short-term foster initiative.

Potential foster parents applied, were interviewed, signed off on paperwork and headed home with their new foster dog, a bag of provisions, a bed, and a 24/7 TALGV contact.

Of course, I had LOTS of help. (You know who you are. Many thanks!) And sure a few hiccups arose (an escape-artist pup, a foster switch) but with generous backup fosters, we adapted quickly. With 15 dogs finding forever homes, it felt like a true success!

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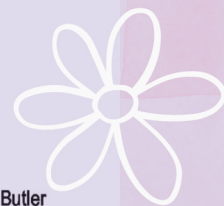
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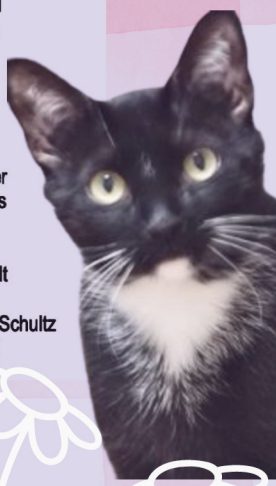
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CAT WING NEWS

UPDATE FROM FALL 2025 ISSUE: OPPOSITES ATTRACT BY KAILEY BONILLAS-TRACY



We at TALGV are happy to share that Benny and Sid are thriving in their new home together. According to their new dad, these best friends are growing more confident each day — exploring side by side, settling into a steady routine, and even enjoying playtime with their toys. They continue to lean on one another as they blossom in a patient, loving home. We're incredibly grateful to their adopter for giving them the time, care, and kindness they deserve.



UNUSUAL VISITORS BY SUE ROWEN



TALGV gets all kinds of cats and dogs. But last fall we got two types of new-to-us cats: a Sphynx and a Savannah.

The Sphynx cat really stands out—it's got no fur! A 1960s Canadian hybrid, they are very high maintenance requiring weekly baths, dental care, and ear cleaning. Extremely sensitive to food and temperature (Yikes, sunburn!), they're also talkative, friendly and demand attention.

Savannah cats are a hybrid of domestic cats and servals (wild African cats.) They get a lot of their distinctive looks from their wild side: long legs (they can jump an amazing eight feet!) and are spotted with huge ears and cheetah-like "tears" below their eyes. The closer the individual to its wild ancestors, the pricier and harder to take care of—no surprise there. But wow, are they gorgeous.



2025 TALGV HIGHLIGHTS



THE ATTIC THRIFT STORE

Raised \$225,221 from the Attic and Estate Sales. And it all goes to the animals.

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Heartfelt Thanks to 1267 generous and loyal donors! With their support, TALGV can keep on helping animals.

VOLUNTEERS

Worked 133,416 hours, equivalent to 69 full-time employees.

SHELTER STATS

1076 animals sheltered: 646 cats and 430 dogs. 25 were born at TALGV; 51 transferred in. All received "the works" treatment—loving care, food, housing, medical care and vaccinations.

ADOPTIONS

TOTAL adopted 945: 594 cats (including 86 BOGO), 351 dogs. Of those, 33 cats and 48 dogs were on VCSFL. (Vet Care Support for Life)

LOST ANIMALS

TALGV reunited 9 cats and 48 dogs with their owners.

AWARDS

In the Annual Contest in Green Valley News and Sahuarita Sun, Voted "Best Non-Profit Organization" 7 years running. 5 years "Best Thrift Store" for The Attic.

IMPROVEMENTS

The entire parking lot was repaved. Safety fencing installed around TALGV buildings. In Attic: new linen racks, new space created for small dogs meet and greet.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Low-cost spay/neuter services received by 470 cats and dogs. 378 pets in low income homes received emergency medical care.





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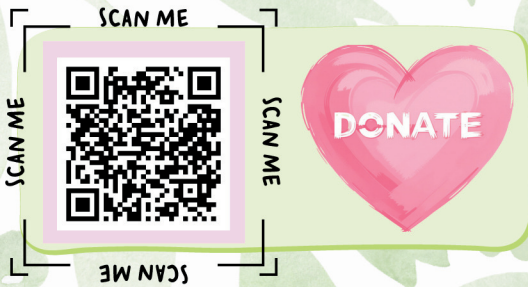
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