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

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HOW DO WE HELP OUR PUPS COPE WITH ARIZONA'S DOG DAYS?

By the Dog Crews

The Animal League of Green Valley (TALGV) Volunteers...

Hose down the cement walkways and pavement to cool it off. Take short walks early in the morning. Watch the air temperature. Over 95° is generally just too hot. Walk dogs on TALGV's white pavement striping. (It's really about 10° cooler!) Use kiddy pools and hose sprays to cool doggies down.

What You Can Do...

Same as we do: Take short early morning walks and after the sun goes down. Stay in the shade. Walk on grass if it's available. Make sure your dog has clean, cool water 24/7. Add ice cubes. Stay inside in afternoon heat. If you must go out, try dog booties. (At least some dogs will tolerate them.) If the pavement hurts your hand when you touch it, it's too hot for your dog's paws. You can even use doggie sunscreen on nose and tummy.



DO OUR CATS CARE ABOUT THE HEAT?

By Dakota Martin

Cats in the summer often spend their days stretched out in front of sunny windows, lounging in the shade, or napping on cool tile flooring to stay comfortable in the heat. Many cats enjoy birdwatching through the windows or if they are able, enjoy chasing the bugs that are unfortunate enough to get inside of their catios (screened-in patios.) Of course, others could care less. Just like humans, cats have preferences.

It's undeniable that summers can get pretty darn hot in Arizona, and you'll want to be sure that you and your cats take the proper precautions. Of course, water is the best resource to start with. At TALGV, our cats have the ability to choose how they would prefer to spend their summer days in the shelter. Whether it's enjoying the cool air conditioning, or sitting in the catio and watching the dogs, birds, or trees, they can do as they please.



FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers,

Each year, as the weather warms and days grow longer, we enter what those in animal welfare know as “kitten season.” It is a time of both wonder and urgency—when thousands of fragile, newborn kittens enter the world, many without the care and protection they need to survive.

This year, the need is greater than ever.

Our shelters and foster networks are already feeling the strain. Tiny kittens—some only hours old—are arriving faster than we can place them. They require round-the-clock care: bottle feeding every few hours, warmth, medical attention, and, above all, compassion. Without intervention, many of these kittens would not survive their first weeks of life.

And yet, this season is also one of extraordinary hope—because of you. To our volunteers: You are the heartbeat of this mission. Whether you are waking up in the middle of the night to feed a litter, opening your home to a frightened mother cat, or helping families find their new companions, your dedication saves lives every single day.

To our donors: Your generosity makes this work possible. You provide the formula, the medical supplies, the safe shelter, and the support systems that give these kittens a fighting chance. Every dollar becomes a lifeline.

But we cannot do this alone.

As kitten season reaches its peak, we urgently need more hands, more homes, and more resources. If you have ever considered fostering, now is the time. If you are able to give, your support will go directly toward lifesaving care. Even sharing our mission with others can make a meaningful difference.

Together, we can turn a season of overwhelming need into a story of survival, compassion, and community.

Thank you for standing with us—for the smallest, most vulnerable lives who depend on all of us.

With gratitude,
Kim Eisele
President

Every dollar is a lifeline.

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YIP YIP HOORAY!

YIPs: Vital to TALGV's Mission

By Robert Woerner

Imagine approaching a high school student and offering a summer volunteer position which involves getting up early, scooping dog poop, cleaning kitty litter boxes, sweeping and mopping floors, doing laundry, and grooming dogs and cats. Oh, by the way, you may need to give up your cellphone while working your four-hour shift each week. (You'll get it back when you've finished your day.)

How many volunteers do you think you'd get? If you're The Animal League of Green Valley, you'll get at least several dozen, and quite possibly over 50, eager young folks signing up for all of this, and even more. Some want to work not just one, but two, four-hour shifts each week during their summer vacations. And a number come back to volunteer the next couple of summers as well. For them, it's a labor of love.

These Youth Intern Program volunteers, or YIPs, are vital to keeping TALGV running after all of the winter residents who volunteer have left for cooler climates up north. Students volunteer to work from late May to late July. Parents also need to sign an application form to grant permission and provide helpful background information (i.e. family pets).

After a three-day training session, YIPs work right alongside their experienced volunteer counterparts. Even though there are the unglamorous jobs (see above list) there's more fun aspects of the job too: training dogs to walk on a leash, petting and socializing dogs and cats, and learning more about TALGV's numerous animals. A unique aspect of YIPs is that students work side by side with older adults, have the same duties and responsibilities, and need to meet the same expectations. This can be both challenging and rewarding for young people just getting started.

The benefits are many. TALGV gets the help it needs to keep the doors open during the summer months. The dogs and cats continue to be fed, groomed, walked, socialized, and lovingly cared for. Students get a "real world" work experience with adult responsibilities and accomplishments. And older adults and students learn to value and respect each other's capabilities and work ethic. It's a win-win-win scenario.





TALGV OUTREACH



The phone rings...

Often the caller is crying, not knowing exactly what it is but realizing their beloved companion, best friend—their pet—needs help. The dog or cat isn't breathing well, vomiting, or just acting, well, wrong. We all know that feeling.

But for these folks, there just isn't the money to see a vet. Already owners have given up buying stuff they need (like medication) to buy what the pet needs. At that point, the call is passed along to Caroline Hewatt, Outreach Coordinator for TALGV.

Caroline gets calls at all hours. First, she offers a calm, understanding, non-judgmental and listening ear while she tries to figure out what the problem might be. She may provide an anatomy lesson (e.g. what neutering does). Or suggest easy first step problems/solutions like: have you changed your pet's food, added another pet, maybe a baby? The best advice for non-critical routine cases: wait and see.

For animal owners who need more, Caroline works her network of vets, local animal welfare organizations, and other potential financial resources. Not only does she set up vet appointments and disperse food and medicine when needed, but she also stewards TALGV's fund for Outreach. The goal is to keep the pet in its home as long as it is possible. We recognize that the pet is family, maybe the only family, the owner has.

But wow, have costs gone up. Caroline shops around, trying to get the best deals she can. But just getting an evaluation can cost hundreds of dollars. Hospital care runs thousands.

It's rare that The Animal League covers all expenses. Rather we partner with the owner and other funding sources to come up with a payment plan that will help the pet heal. TALGV helps when it can, but Outreach also tries to get owners to chip in so they have some up-front buy-in to their pet's recovery and future well-being.

Not all stories have happy endings. TALGV can only do what we can do. But Caroline is lifted up by the generosity of the community and by the knowledge that she and The Animal League have gone that extra mile. We've done our best to help another cat or dog stay healthy and with its loving family.



Thank you



Dana Barnes and her Merry Band of Volunteers Have Done It Again!



In three hours on Sunday, February 22, these dedicated folks auctioned off an amazing array of gift certificates, jewelry, gift baskets, glassware and trinkets of all types. In two silent auctions, items flew off the tables and shelves. And topping last year's earnings, the total came to \$14,528. All the proceeds go to TALGV.

A big thank you to Dana Barnes and friends!

In search of some treasures of your own? Check out our Facebook page for our thrift store The Attic!



Fourth of July — It's the Semiquincentennial! 250 years!!

This special Fourth meant even more fireworks...more explosions and bright flashing lights than normal.

Here's some special precautions TALGV took to help our animals stay sane: We kept our dogs inside. (Surprisingly some cats appear fascinated by the light and love to sit on the patio and watch.) The animals had a quiet safe place to hide and music to mask the noise. We put Thunder shirts on dogs that needed them for anxiety. And we don't adopt out pets a few days before or after the holiday. One enterprising TALGV dog handler even rented a quiet place away for a day or so. Win-win! No anxious pets, quick vacation.



WANTED: A FOREVER HOME! Here are two of our pets who've been waiting a while and are really yearning for new forever homes. Could it be yours?



Hi! I'm Dolly

as told by Mikie Smith

I'm a very shy but loving girl who really needs to find a quiet, predictable forever home. I came to TALGV with many insecurities. But I've been living with my very special foster (dog trainer) parents who have worked with me for months to help me feel more sure of myself. They think I'm ready for prime time! While I may still need more tender, loving care to fully blossom, I'm ready and raring to go to my new forever home! Is it with you? To learn more about me scan the QR code or call TALGV.



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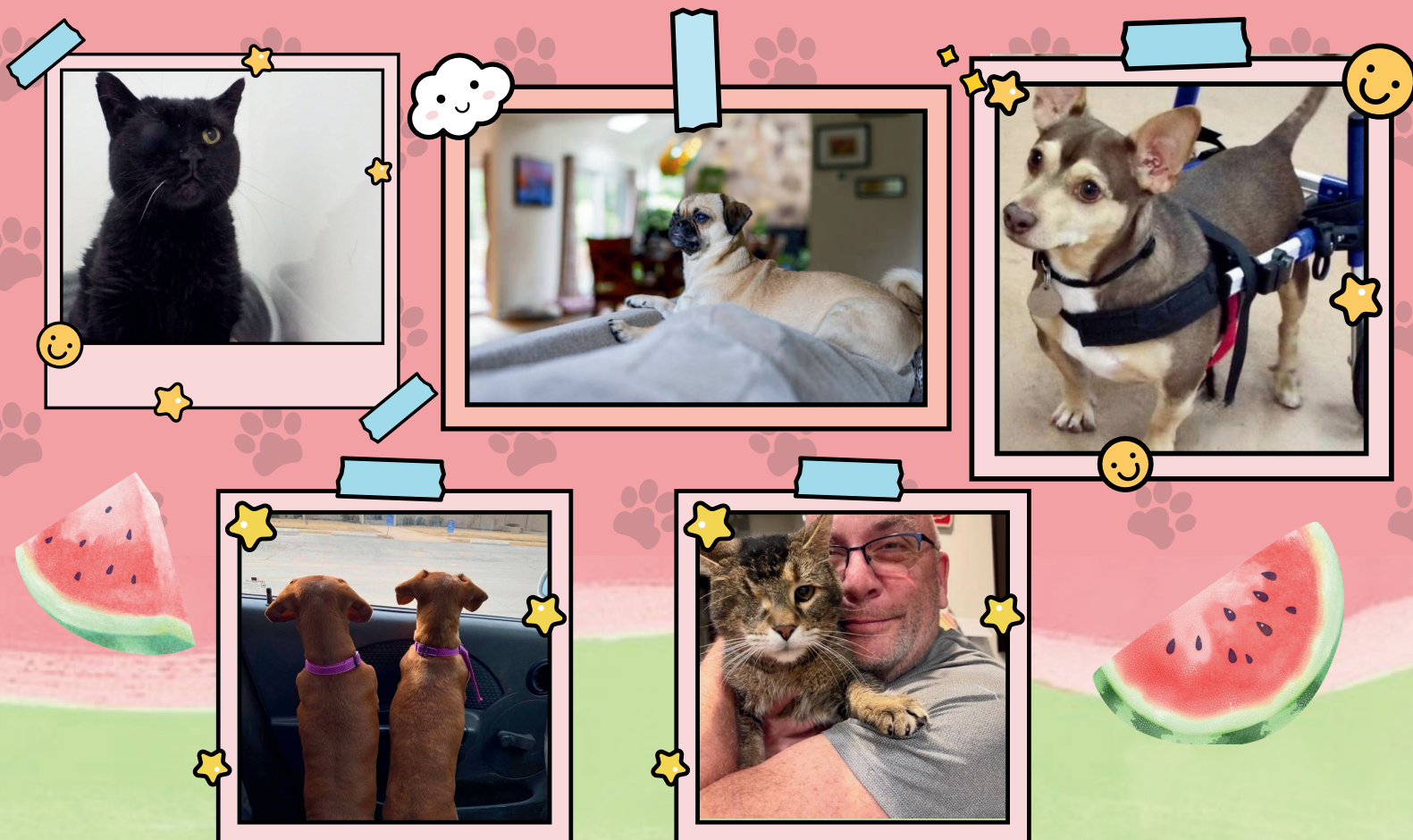
as told by Michaela Birk

I'm a girl with a gentle heart and so much love to give. At first shy, I quickly warm up and then I'll just want to be close to you. I'm FeLV+ positive, which means I have a compromised immune system. So I need to be indoors and your only cat. (Unless you have other cats that are FeLV+ too!) And I come with Vet Care Support for Life so TALGV will help with medical expenses related to my condition. But don't worry, most FeLV+ cats live long and happy lives. I've had to be isolated (for 6 months now!) so please come meet me quick and take me to my forever home. With you! To learn more about me scan the QR code or call TALGV.



THRIVING AT HOME

UPDATES FROM SOME OF TALGV'S SPECIAL ADOPTEES



Here at The Animal League we have brought in and adopted out a small, but memorable, group of cats and dogs who have come with special needs: one-eyed, blind, deaf, missing limbs, to name a few. We even had a bonded pair of dachshunds, a blind one who used the other as a “seeing eye” dog, literally. Here are a few updates:

One Eyed Willy (aka JJ) is a nine-year-old male cat who became a New Year’s Eve addition to one volunteer’s home. After a few days home, he, with their other TALGV alum kitty, have become fast friends. JJ also has gotten used to the two dogs in the house. He and his feline partner have a separate place for their food and to sleep, so adapting wasn’t all that hard. He is much loved by his new family.

Archer (now Reecher), an 8-year-old deaf and blind pug, was adopted in March by a man who had been visiting the pug for a number of weeks. Turns out the adopter was experienced, having adopted a deaf and blind pug in the past. And he was ready to take on a new one.

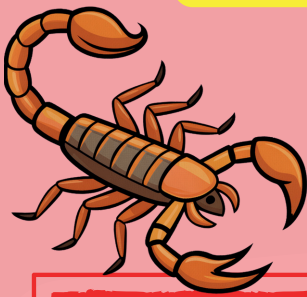
Pookie, a one-eyed male cat was TALGV’s Office Cat in late 2024. He was already a very senior cat, almost sixteen. More recently he has moved in with our President where he continues to do what all cats do—mostly eat, sleep and use his box. He is lifted up to the counter (arthritis) to eat. But there he can enjoy a leisurely meal without the resident dogs interrupting. His newest happy spot is behind the coffee maker.

And a note from Auggie as dictated to “Mom” Denise Schultz: “Let’s be honest folks, my parents are BIG dog people. Thankfully, they looked past my small stature and paralyzed back legs and saw my big eyes and heart. They were goners! They said ‘sure we’ll take Augie home.’ But first the TALGV folks took me to get my own ‘vehicle’ (aka wheelchair) and I love my new taste of freedom. I can run! I have five other furry brothers and sisters, and one of my sisters, Willow, also has a wheelchair, just like me! We love to go ‘4 wheeling!’”

For all these animals, this is truly their happily ever after!

collected by Sue Rowen

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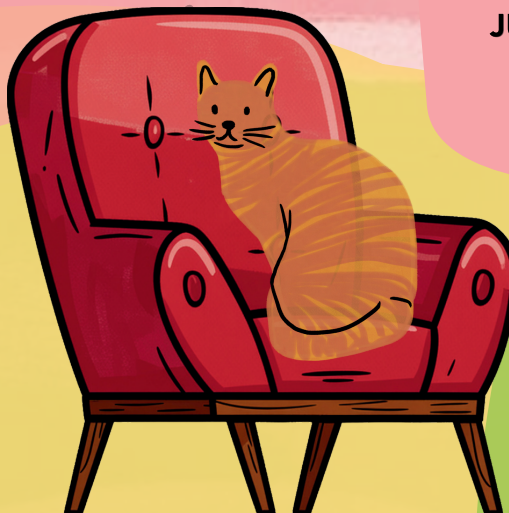
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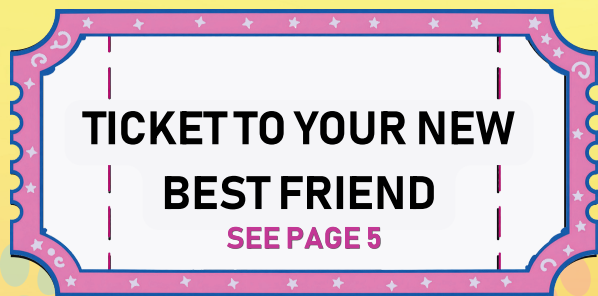
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