



Trailin' Tails

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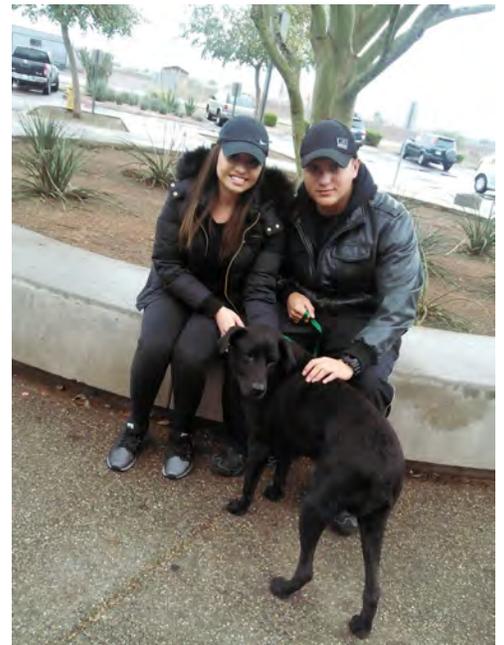
Reunited and it Feels so Good!

Derek was visiting Phoenix on vacation about a year ago when he lost his dog. The remainder of his time here was spent searching for his Labrador Retriever, Bella, but eventually he had to head back home to Texas.

Imagine Derek's surprise when we called (almost 12 months later) to let him know that his beloved pet was at our shelter!

Turns out someone found Bella shortly after she went missing. The finder didn't bother to have the pup scanned for a microchip and instead, decided to keep her for nearly a year. When the finder surrendered Bella to our West Valley Animal Care Center in January, our staff immediately found the microchip.

Once Derek received the call that Bella had been located, he left the next morning and drove from El Paso so he could be here when our doors opened.



Bella's dad gladly drove from Texas to claim her.

Abandoned Dog Finds Loving Home



Look closely at the photo on the left and you'll see a tiny Chihuahua. In July of last year, she was left in a dirty dog bed by the front doors of our Phoenix shelter. We don't know how long she'd been outside (she was there when workers arrived for the morning shift), but she was injured and couldn't move.

X-rays revealed a long list of injuries including broken ribs and a collapsed lung. The fragile five-year-old pooch was sent to foster care to recuperate.



Sugar now at home!

While in foster, she was given the name "Sugar." The little dog grew stronger and was soon master of her domain. She also captured the hearts of her foster family, who adopted her in January. We are grateful to all of our volunteer foster families who give up their homes (and hearts) to pets in need!



Send Us Your Happy Tail!

Did you adopt a dog or cat from MCACC? We'd love to hear how they are doing. Send your stories and a photo to:

Public Information Office
MCACC
2500 S. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

Or email: gablem@mail.maricopa.gov



Happy Tail

This is my Petunia, formerly Gorda (we adopted her from the East shelter last August). She received her first acupuncture treatment today. We have beautiful balance and harmony at home, but the outside world still excites her too much. We train every single day in one form or another.

We recently had an unexpected visitor in our Scottsdale home—a roof rat! Petunia and her little cat brother, Georgie, worked beautifully as a team to flush it out from behind my hutch. I captured it and returned it to the alley, only to have it return. One night, Petunia whined at a kitchen cabinet and sure enough, she was alerting me that the visitor had returned! She is one fabulous dog!

— Dianne M.



Petunia and mom Dianne

Happy Tail

Hi! Just wanted to share some photos of Layla (aka Cinnamon). She is doing great and loving all of the attention.

It's funny because my husband had said she wouldn't be allowed to sleep on the bed (like we did with our last Chihuahua).

However, on the first night that Layla was here, and ever since, she has slept on the bed every single night!

She has my husband wrapped around her little finger!

Layla loves to play with our big dog Sophie. And she gets so excited and

happy to see us every time we come home.

We love her so much and she is doing great.

Thank you!

— Jen L.



Layla at Home

Kids Making a Difference for Pets!



a carload of items that they had collected for the dogs and cats in our care.

And then there's the two boys who asked for donations for the animals instead of gifts for their birthday.

We're so happy to see these youngsters growing up to learn the importance of caring for homeless dogs and cats in their community.

2015 has proven to be a great year for the homeless pets at our shelters — thanks to some very caring kids!

For Valentine's Day, students from the ASU Preparatory Academy in Phoenix made Valentine cards for the dogs at our West Valley Animal Care Center in Phoenix. Every dog located in Chi Town received his or her very own card.



Across town at our East Valley Animal Care Center in Mesa, students from Bright Beginnings Charter School in Chandler were dropping off their homemade Valentine cards and



Thank You Wellness Pet Food!

We'd like to thank Wellness Pet Food and PetSmart Charities for donating more than 240 pallets of Wellness Complete Health dog food to homeless pets (and thanks to former Chi Town resident, Dapper Dan, for being our spokes dog). The donation was so large we had to borrow warehouse space from another county agency!

As part of the donation, we are working closely with our New Hope rescue partners to ensure that they also receive food for the animals in their care.

We are grateful for the generosity and support from PetSmart Charities and Wellness Pet Food. Thank you!



MCACC Partners with Missouri Humane



Humane Society of Missouri's Transportation Trailer

We were excited to partner with the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO) in February for an animal transport mission of epic proportions!

The nonprofit organization transported 49 of our small breed dogs to their shelter

in St. Louis. Staff from HSMO drove the 26' long Big Animal Rescue Trailer to our West Valley Animal Care Center in Phoenix. The trailer has logged tens of thousands of miles transporting animals from abuse situations (including puppy mills, hoarders and dog



MCACC Volunteer Julie Helps Load the Pups

fighting rings). The climate controlled trailer is also used for temporary shelter during disaster situations.

The transport went so smoothly that HSMO is already planning their next trip back to Phoenix.

Our ultimate goal is to find loving homes for the animals in our care and we are grateful for the support we've received from other animal welfare groups across the country.



Staff and Volunteers Say Goodbye before the Trip to St. Louis



Hero "Hope"
Photo Courtesy of Bruce Haseley

Hero Awards 2015 a Success!

Nearly 450 animal lovers gathered to show their support for FRIENDS of Animal Care & Control at this year's Hero Awards.

The 12th Annual event raised more than \$200,000 for Maricopa County

Animal Care & Control's Spay Neuter Assistance Program.

Five animals and one group of human heroes were honored at the gala at the Montelucia Resort in February.

Special thanks to event Presenting Sponsor, PetSmart Charities, and Top Dog sponsor, Lulu's Fund,

To learn more about FRIENDS, visit www.azfriendsofanimals.org

May 17-23 is National Dog Bite Prevention Week



1. Despite increased media attention surrounding vicious dog bite incidents in Maricopa County, the total number of dog bites reported in FY14 was 607 fewer than the previous year. However, every year in the United States approximately 885,000 dog bites require medical attention and half of all dog bite involve children under the age of 12.

According to <http://doggonesafer.com>, these are three important tips to teach your kids when it comes to dog bite prevention:

1. **Dog's don't like hugs and kisses.** Hugging the family dog or face-to-face contact are common causes of bites to the face. Teach kids to scratch the dog on the chest or side of the neck.
2. **Be a tree if a strange dog approaches.** Teach kids to stand still like a tree. Trees are boring and the dog will eventually go away.
3. **Never tease a dog.** And never disturb a dog that is sleeping, eating or protecting something.

Wag & Walk Season Comes to a Close

We want to thank everyone who came out and supported the second season of our Wag & Walk Adoption Hike program.

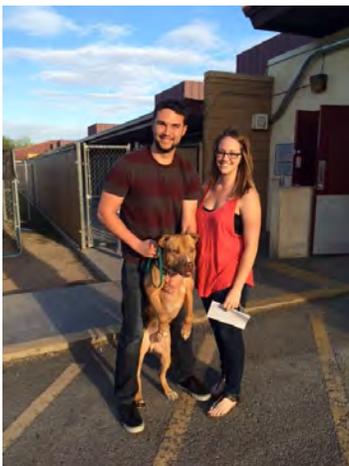
The hikes have been well received by the community and of course, our dogs love the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy time away from their kennels.

This season resulted in several dogs finding loving families.

The program wouldn't be possible without our partners at Maricopa County Parks & Recreation. And of course, our amazing, devoted and compassionate crew of volunteers. We'll be back for season three in October!



Volunteer Lisa introduces Wade to his new family.



Dog Adopted on Six Month Anniversary

Winston arrived at our East Valley Animal Care Center on September 17th, a stray found wandering the streets of Mesa. The Pittie mix waited happily for a new family. One month passed, then three months, and yet Winston continued to remain healthy and eager to please.

Volunteers continually took him on Day Foster outings and spent time with him away from the shelter in the hopes that his behavior wouldn't deteriorate. Winston remained strong. He attended the Wag & Walk hike in both January and March but no one stepped up to adopt him.

St. Patrick's Day marked Winston's sixth month anniversary at the shelter, but it was also the day his new family found him! They were definitely a pot of gold at the end of his rainbow.

MCACC Participates in Palo Verde Drill



A shelter dog enjoys his time at the drill.

On Thursday, March 12th our Field Enforcement Community Outreach team participated in the annual Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station's evacuation exercise.

MCACC is the designated lead agency to assist pets should an emergency be declared in Maricopa County and this was the 11th year that we have

participated in the exercise. Our animal control officers and volunteers are specially trained in the process of decontamination and housing of pets.

Our role in the Palo Verde exercise has been recognized by FEMA and our animal decontamination guidelines are used as a model for other states.

In 2014 our animal decontamination program received a National Association of Counties Achievement Award.



MCACC Field Outreach Team

Volunteer Fosterers Needed!

Spring is here and so is puppy and kitten season. The warmer months signal the start of our busiest time of year. Litter upon litter of underage kittens will be surrendered to MCACC shelters every day. Many of these kittens are so young they lack the ability to eat solid food.

Unfortunately, we don't have the resources to care for these tiny creatures. But rather than euthanize, we're looking for foster families who are willing to step in and care for the animals until they are ready for adoption.

The length of time a foster animal stays in a foster

home depends on each individual dog or cat and their particular situation.

Typically, underage puppies and kittens are ready to come back to the shelter when they are at least two pounds and approximately eight weeks of age. Dogs and cats recovering from upper respiratory infections may require one or two

months in foster care, while animals recuperating from surgery to repair fractures might require more time.

If you'd like to learn more about fostering, attend one of our upcoming foster orientation sessions. Visit the event calendar at www.maricopa.gov/pets for dates and times.

Fostering is a rewarding experience and helps puppies and kittens in need.



New Hope Spotlight: Foothills Animal Rescue

They started as a small shelter in 1995, but today Foothills Animal Rescue is one of the Valley's most successful animal welfare organizations.

In 2009 Foothills moved to their current location at 23030 North Pima Road in north Scottsdale. The nonprofit organization is able to house up to 60 animals in their unique, cage-free shelter.



Fonzi is one of FAR's pets currently in Foster Care

In addition to their shelter, Foothills also adopts out animals at various Valley adoption events or at local pet-related establishments.

Also located on the same property is Foothills' Boutique. The non-consignment, volunteer based shop is Foothills' primary revenue source and sells clothing, jewelry, housewares and more.

The animals available for adoption through Foothills have been rescued from Valley shelters, rescue groups or are surrendered directly to the agency by families who can no longer care for their pets.

Last year Foothills rescued 570 homeless dogs and cats and



Winky is FeLV+ and Needs a Home!

found homes for 528 animals. They agency also has an extensive network of foster homes who care for animals not quite ready for adoption.

If you'd like to help Foothills either through volunteering, fostering, or by giving a donation, please visit their website at www.foothillsanimal.org.

Our New Hope Rescue Partners are one of the reasons our euthanasia rates have decreased. Each quarter we will showcase one of these amazing groups!

Volunteer Helps Long-Time MCACC Residents



Gina and MCACC alum, Penny

After repeated visits to our East Valley Animal Care Center in Mesa, Gina Crouch decided to sign up as a Day Foster Volunteer. She attended the program's inaugural orientation in January 2014 and has been at the shelter practically every weekend since that time.

Gina is quick to sum up why they are involved, "We love every one of our day fosters. We love learning about them, giving them their time away, letting them be dogs, allowing them to show us their manners, letting them take naps in the car or in the shade at the park, finding out that they love to swim, playing fetch with them in the park for an hour because it's their favorite thing to do. They make our days better."

Gina even started a Facebook page devoted to showcasing some of the shelter's long-time residents. The Louie's Pit Crew (named after Gina's cat Louie and her pack of Pitties) page features photos and written descriptions from Gina's day foster trips. And volunteering has become a family affair! Gina's daughter, son and boyfriend are all Day Foster volunteers.

For more information or to become a volunteer, visit www.maricopa.gov/pets.



**Maricopa County Animal
Care & Control**

Visit One of Our Three Locations!

West Valley Animal Care Center

(Adoptions, Lost & Found, Licensing)
2500 S. 27th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85009

East Valley Animal Care Center

(Adoptions, Lost & Found, Licensing)
2630 W. Rio Salado Parkway
Mesa, AZ 85201

PetSmart Everyday Adoption Center

Old Town Scottsdale
(Adoptions Only)
4380 N. Miller Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

(602) 506-PETS (7387)

www.pets.maricopa.gov



Biskit



Dapper Dan

FRIENDS of Animal Care & Control



Friends of Animal Care & Control (FRIENDS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a “friends of” group, FRIENDS goal is to raise money to support MCACC.

FRIENDS provides a valuable service by supporting MCACC’s non-mandated programs. The largest (and we believe most important) of these programs is the SNAP (Spay/Neuter Assistance Program).

SNAP provides no-cost spay and neuter services to low-income residents of Maricopa County.

Without FRIENDS financial support, SNAP would not be as successful. And without your support, we would be unable to make a difference in the lives of animals in our community. If you’d like to make a financial contribution to FRIENDS please visit our website at www.azfriendsofanimals.org.

You can also support FRIENDS and MCACC by shopping at the FRIENDS Thrift Shop. Proceeds from the shop’s sales help fund SNAP.

FRIENDS Thrift Shop
12625 N. Cave Creek Road
(just north of Thunderbird)
Phoenix, AZ 85022
(602) 923-6914

Store Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday and
Saturday: 10am—4pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 10am—
6pm

FRIENDS Thrift Shop also accepts donations of gently used clothing, accessories, furniture and home goods.