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New Beginnings

Angela

Your support helps animals like Angela survive, thrive and find their forever home.



Angela has had a bit of a rough life but thanks to caring people like you, she is receiving the love and care she needs to thrive while awaiting a family to call her own.

Angela came to Pet Allies as a stray

reported to have been found behind the Show Low Movie Theaters. She was suffering from many medical ailments such as mange, parasites, dry skin, and more. But in just a short time, it was clear that Angela was grateful for the attention to her needs, for having a full tummy, and getting lots of love and

care to help her on the path to good health.

Support from so many people, like yourself, make it possible to help puppies like Angela, who could take as long as 2-3 months to recover! Many shelters would choose not to help these puppies due to the commitment in extra staff time and the cost of medical care above and beyond the daily costs to feed and shelter an animal. But because of your support it is possible for us to choose to save them, to give the Angela's of our community a chance at a great life and a family of their own. Thank you.

Call us at 928-537-8009 to find out how to adopt Angela or how to help other animals like her. The Pet Allies Animal Shelter is open Monday through Saturday 11AM to 5PM and Sunday 11AM to 3PM.

Visit www.PetAlliesAZ.org for all the animals currently up for adoption at the Pet Allies Animals Shelter in Show Low.

From Stray to Detective Rio

Several years ago a small dog was found in the



forest next to Kohl's Ranch. He was injured (most likely an owl tried to grab him), hungry, but still very full of energy.

Gabrielle, his rescuer, took him to Star Valley Vet clinic and luckily he was micro chipped. But sadly, she later found out that he was left on his own by the foster parents after the police took them in. He was rescued by Pet Allies as a young stray on the streets of Show Low. It was then that his rescuer became his adopter and his life was forever changed for the better.

Reno became Rio (Spanish for river) and according to his adoptive Mom he is a fun loving dog who gets along with everyone on 2 or 4 legs. Rio also loves to work and use his extraordinary canine sense of smell for good. Capitalizing on these attributes, he got certified as a Human Remains Detector dog by the International Police Working Dog Association!

For his certification he had to find zero to 2 aids in a 2-acre area in the desert under 60 minutes. The 2 acres were not flat and there were a couple of washes, mesquite, creosote, pack rat nests, some garbage and even a small herd of javelinas! He was not afraid and he worked through the challenges. He passed and found 2 aids; one that was buried 8 inches in the ground, which he found in 31 minutes. What a guy! He only weighs 7.8 pounds and it is believed that he is the smallest certified Human Remains Detection dog.

Rio may be small in stature but he sure is huge in heart and ability.

THANK YOU!

your generosity helps animals

Throughout the year, the generosity of so many kind folks in our community has been humbling. From the smallest donation to the larger gifts, we appreciate your support. YOU are positively Altering Lives.

Pet Food Pantry

Thanks to all the kind individuals as well as businesses like Cal•Ranch, Petsense, Ryan's Pet Supply (Phoenix), Tractor Supply, Pet Food Warehouse and Perfect Paws, 155 pet-owning families were served this year. Nearly 12,000 pounds of food was given to ensure pets of low income folks do not go hungry in our community. The Pet Allies Pantry also gave away collars, leashes, blankets and beds. Donations are always welcome and can be dropped off at the Pet Allies Shelter, Clinic, Barkin' Basement Thrift Store, Jill Tinkel's State Farm Office, Petsense (donation bin near front of store) and Above and Beyond Dog Grooming.

Holiday Blessings

In the month of December Pet Allies was blessed with many generous gifts of cash & services. RJ Owens, staff, board members & volunteers would like to thank each & every one of our supporters. We feel so fortunate & are so very grateful to all of you.

Our largest gift came from Petsmart Charities (\$9,900) through AZ Pet Plate, which distributes grants to organizations like Pet Allies. This grant is made possible when the specialized pet license plates are purchased from the DMV (see more information below). Total gifts came to \$18,485 for the month of December, which are greatly appreciated & ap-

plied toward the many services Pet Allies provides to the Show Low community. The White Mountains may be a small community, but our donors have HUGE hearts...thank you!



Aspen Ridge Animal Hospital's Christmas Fundraiser

The amazing staff at Aspen Ridge Animal Hospital encouraged their clients to donate food, treats, bedding and more to the animals awaiting their forever homes at Pet Allies. Thank you all so much!!!

A Great Way to Support Pet Allies Arizona's Pet Friendly License Plate

Pet Allies Clinic recent grant recipient for subsidizing spay and neuter surgeries

There's an amazing "driving force" in the battle against pet homelessness: It's Arizona's Pet Friendly license plate!

A portion of every Pet Friendly license plate purchased is deposited in the "Spay and Neuter Fund". These monies provide funding for no-cost or low-cost surgical sterilization of dogs and cats throughout Arizona.

Animal homelessness in Arizona is a serious problem. You can help! Get your Arizona Pet

Friendly license plate today!

Visit www.servicearizona.com. Also, please consider adopting a shelter animal next time you are ready for a new furry addition to your household. Visit your local animal shelter today. Thousands of homeless dogs and cats are waiting to find loving, forever homes.

When you pay just \$25 for this Pet Friendly plate, \$17 (68%) from the sale of each license plate pay for no-cost or low-



cost spay and neuter services for dogs and cats across Arizona. The remaining \$8 is collected by ADOT for administrative purposes.

Your support of animals in Arizona continues each year you renew your plate. So get your plate today!

WELLNESS & WONDERS

fun tidbits about cats

by Amy Kuras excerpt from Care.com



You may love your cat, but you may not be fully aware of just how cool your she really is. For example, did you know that cats have an extra organ that allows them to taste scents? Or that they developed meowing as a way to communicate exclusively with humans?

- Cats are believed to be the only mammals who don't taste sweetness.
- Cats are nearsighted, but their peripheral vision and night vision are much better than that of humans.

- Cats are supposed to have 18 toes (five toes on each front paw; four toes on each back paw).
- Cats can jump up to six times their length.
- Cats' claws all curve downward, which means that they can't climb down trees head-first. Instead, they have to back down the trunk.
- Cats have whiskers on the backs of their front legs, as well.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR RUBBER DUCK PLUCK RAFFLE!

Join us July 4, 2020 for the second annual **White Mountain Rubber Duck Pluck!**

This event supports the many programs and services offered through Pet Allies Animal Shelter in Show Low. How it works is,

individuals can purchase a raffle ticket (one raffle ticket equals one rubber duck to be placed in the pond) for \$5.00 for a chance to win up to \$2,500! You can increase your odds by purchasing more ducks. For example you can buy a 6 pack (Quack Pack) or a 13 pack (Quacker's Dozen). We then put all the ducks in a "pond" and pull three lucky winners. (\$2,500 first prize, \$1,000 second prize and third prize is \$500).



There will be a maximum of 5,000 ducks sold, so the chances to win are high! In 2019, our first ever Rubber Duck Pluck, was such a hit that we are doing it again and you can be a

part of this fun and potentially rewarding event in support of homeless animals in our community.

For more information, visit us at www.PetAlliesAZ.org/duck

PS: If you would like to become a sponsor, with plenty of exposure for your business, email Mary at development@petalliesaz.org and find out the many options to support this great cause!

To find out more information about Pet Allies please contact RJ Owens at **928-243-0695** or visit our website at www.PetAlliesAZ.org



5 tips to keep your pet warm in winter

keep 'em in if you can

Not all dogs are designed for the cold night air...and if freezing temperatures hit then some dogs do not have the ability to stay warm... Period. So please give them a bed inside the house.

kennels

Kennels should be watertight and protect from driving rain at the front. Consider the use of vertical plastic strips if water is getting in (or look for a kennel with a bigger roof out front).

blankets

Every dog's bed should have enough blankets or covers to keep warm. These could be old sacks, hay, or soft beautiful blankets! Wool blankets will keep much more heat than most.

off the ground

The ground can suck a lot of heat out of a dog so get them off the ground. This may be a simple dog bed, or even a wooden pallet with a good thick cover over the top.

doughnut ring

For maximum heat retention place the blankets in a doughnut shape with space for your dog to curl up in the center. With protection from the cold on all sides (and underneath) they only lose heat upwards.

New Shelter Construction is Now Underway!

A big thank you to the City of Show Low for their efforts to help Pet Allies build an animal shelter that will be able to handle the needs of Animal Control, stray animals and animals kept for safekeeping and other reasons, and the needs of citizens of the City who must surrender their pets for various reasons.

Both Pet Allies and the City have known that the need for shelter expansion and improvement was urgent. The partnership between the two organizations has led to saving over 1,000 lives a year that had previously been at risk.

The process to get plans designed and approved seemed long and laborious but happy days are here and construction has actually begun. Come by and see the progress as a new shelter is built.

The shelter will have larger dog kennels with inside/outside access for the dogs. Cats will have their own quiet room and there will be a free roaming room for a large group of cats. People wishing to surrender a pet or turn in a stray will have a room to enter that is comfortable and will allow them to gently surrender the animal. The animals will have a safe quarantine area if sick or injured. Basically everything needed for a shelter in this community.



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