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Progress made, homes found, struggles continue

With the help of the community Pet Allies is happy to say that only 32 cats remain seeking homes. We're nearly there!

Most of the cats have had medical issues of several different types, severe dental disease, malnutrition, and most frequently upper respiratory disease. With the help of Dr. Andersen and Dr. Ponder, various treatments have been tried and experts from other shelters have been consulted for ways to help the cats most affected. There has been an intense effort to help these cats. L-lysine, a supplement which works for humans as well as felines, is given to the cats every other day. Since so many are receiving a variety of antibiotics, they also receive probiotics for tummy issues.

Sadly, after 5 months, while we haven't given up on our research and trial treatments, we are coming to the conclusion that 15 of the cats, will likely suffer from chronic upper respiratory illness for years. They can still enjoy a life of playing, eating, snuggling and enjoying a sunny spot in the window but candidly, would benefit from being in a home that can accept a somewhat messy, sneezy cat.

We also have an asthmatic cat in the remaining group. Nate, who is a delightful cat and a staff favorite gave us quite a scare by having an asthma attack! He couldn't breathe. Jennifer, the Shelter Operations Manager quickly rushed him to the clinic, now located in the same building as the shelter, where she gave him oxygen via a temporary oxygen tent. Further emergency

treatment was provided and Nate recovered. Now that we know he has asthma, and thanks to quick work by Jennifer, he will have a chance at life in a loving home. *At right is Nate grabbing a bite to eat.*



Have questions regarding how to care for a special needs cat? What to expect? Just ask staff and we'll be happy to explain.

Together we can find homes for the remaining cats.

A note from one of our awesome fosters Marsi V.:

"I volunteer at the shelter and am currently fostering Binx and Starfire for another 2 weeks.

I hope these lovelies get adopted soon!! They are so sweet and get along so well!"



If you or someone you know are interested in adopting a cat (or dog), please call the shelter at 928-537-8009.

Patches Happy Tail



Giving Patches belly rubs after another long day at work is our therapy every day. A special family dog named "Snoopy", a Bluetick hound, began

my love for this particular breed. I lost my male Bluetick hound, "Buck," in 2011 to cancer & my female Bluetick, Lulubell, was an absolute wreck. I know she needed a companion. I searched online and found Patches at Pet Allies.

The trip back to Phoenix was pretty uneventful, except for Patches and her extreme flatulence. I was laughing and coughing the whole way down. Once we got home, I introduced her to Lulubell and they became fast friends. Lulu walked out the doggie door and Patches followed right behind her. They came back inside and from a standing start, Patches jumped straight up onto my kitchen counter! Curiously, she did not disrupt a thing and just wanted to walk around up there. She continued this behavior for years. I would come home to find her sleeping on the dining room table.

As we settled into our routine life, things were good. Patches and Lulu got along great. It kept getting better and better until I got a phone call in September 2014 from my Vet who told me Lulu had cancer. It progressed very rapidly and I had to let Lulu go. I was crushed and so was Patches. She was very attached to Lulu more than she was to me, but once Lulu was gone she started to become my shadow. She knew I needed some attention and pretty quickly we formed the bond we have until this day. It has now been 7 years and she is my life.

I hope my words can effectively convey my love for Patches as well as my appreciation for what Pet Allies does, and how you brought us together.

Patrick Phyle

THANK YOU!

Throughout the year, we have been humbled by the generosity of so many kind folks in our community. From the smallest donation to the larger gifts, we appreciate the support. **YOU are Altering Lives.**



Over the holidays, **Adriana at Starbucks** in Show Low on White Mountain Road put up a donation box for customers to drop off items such as collars, leashes and food for our four-legged shelter residents. Thank you!!!



Rub a dub dub, 7 puppies are in the tub at the home of one of our fantastic foster parents. Foster Mom, Rita Ruiz, among so many others, has been a lifesaver for many animals. Pregnant mamas and their puppies or kittens, animals who are particularly stressed in a shelter environment and animals who need frequent medical attention, all do better in a quiet and stable home environment. **We LOVE and appreciate our foster pet parents,** and if you



are interested in fostering, please call the shelter and talk to Jennifer or Valerie at 928-537-8009.

Congratulations and gratitude are in order for **"It's a Ruff Life Grooming"** in Show Low who recently celebrated their Grand Opening on January 15. The new shop held a 50/50 raffle with proceeds benefitting Pet Allies. Thank you and welcome to the neighborhood!

CatLANDia a Pet Allies raffle for 40 acres

In August, Pet Allies took in over 120 cats removed by animal control officers from one home in the Timberline trailer park in Show Low. These cats arrived at Pet Allies primarily over 2 days and immediate medical and emergency care was put in place.

The estimated cost of care for these cats will exceed \$60,000. In order to cover that cost, **we're raffling off 40 acres of undeveloped land** east of Holbrook, Arizona (397 Painted Desert Ranch, Adamana, AZ). A truly pawsome Win/Win

awaits you! Buy a raffle ticket and save lives. How?

- 1 raffle ticket (\$20) will fund the cost of vaccines for one cat.
- 5 raffle tickets (\$100) will fund the cost of spay or neuter and vaccines for one cat.
- 15 raffle tickets (\$300) will fund the cost of dental care, spay or neuter, and vaccines for one cat.

Tickets will be sold until the last cat from this case is adopted.



Join in the fun, you could WIN 40 ACRES!!!

Get your tickets online at www.PetAlliesAZ.org/raffle or stop in at the Pet Allies Animal Shelter today. Kitty Up!

staff spotlight: Valerie Hunt

Valerie brings over 11 years of shelter experience to Pet Allies. She was initially hired as a part-time Kennel Assistant and quickly demonstrated a great work ethic with caring and professional animal care skills. She then added animal photography to her repertoire of talents, working with the local newspaper to help promote animals available for adoption. Valerie also helped facilitate Pet Allies taking over shelter management from Show Low Animal Control in 2015.

She is currently Kennel Manager at the Pet Allies Animal Shelter. And what makes her especially proud is vastly increasing the number of animals now adopted than were previously, in the early days of her tenure.



She brings a friendly competence to her work, from hands-on animal care to coordinating employee and volunteer efforts, keeping the front office organized, and working with the public. Valerie enjoys taking professional-quality photographs of the adoptable animals so that the first impression for a potential adopter is a good one!

RUBBER DUCK PLUCK JUNE 18

SAVE THE DATE!

Get ready for the 4th annual White Mountain Rubber Duck Pluck!

Mark your calendars now for **Saturday, JUNE 18** from **noon to 2PM** for this fun event. By “adopting” a rubber duck, you may feather your nest with some cool cash, as you have a chance at winning \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,500 dollars. If your duck is plucked, you’ll win!

To “adopt” a rubber duck (raffle entry) or more information, please visit www.petalliesaz.org/duck.

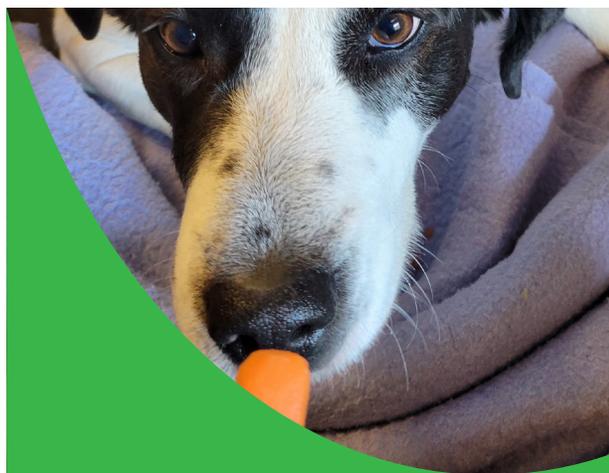
We’re excited that rescue dog/former Pet Allies Shelter resident Toby



will be the duck plucker again this year after his stellar performance at the past two year’s Duck Pluck. Toby’s owner rescued him after he was relinquished by multiple owners.

Now he has a loving home and is a poster boy for how your support of Pet Allies can make a difference in a pet’s life.

If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event, contact Anne at designedcuisine@yahoo.com. Sponsorship and event information can be found at www.PetAlliesAZ.org/duck



healthy treats for your pet

Blueberries

With just 4 simple ingredients you can make your dog this easy frozen treat. Gather up yogurt, peanut butter, honey, blueberries and an ice cube tray to get started.

First, melt 1/2 cup of peanut butter in the microwave for about 30 seconds, or until creamy. Next, place 4 cups of yogurt, the peanut butter, 2 tablespoons of honey, and 1 cup of mashed blueberries into a blender and mix until smooth.

Pour the mixture into empty ice cube trays and freeze until firm. Finally, pop the treats out of the tray and let your dog enjoy this frozen treat!

Carrots

For rewarding good behavior, you can feed your dog raw carrots cut into sticks or thin disk shapes. For a mealtime boost, grate raw carrots and add them as a topper or lightly steam them in chicken broth to make them doubly tasty.

Be sure to wash carrots before using, and if you buy organic, there’s no need to peel them; the skin is as healthy as the rest of the vegetable. Carrot greens are loaded with nutrients, but you’ll need to chop them fine to mask their earthy flavor, which not all dogs like.

Green Beans

A perfect addition to any doggie dinner. Some dogs love them raw, but most prefer them blanched, which makes for easier digestion. An excellent source of Vitamin K and fiber, these veggies also contain Vitamin C, carotenoids, potassium, B vitamins, magnesium, phosphorus, copper, iron and manganese. Pup Prep: Blanch, don’t boil them to death and lose all those nutrients!



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Acupuncture

The photo at right is Patches, a shelter dog with painful back issues (which is unfortunately common with dachshunds) undergoing a second treatment of acupuncture with Dr. Ponder. Dr. Ponder ‘hamming’ it up in the background while Alice, one of our awesome clinic volunteers holds Patches. Patches is available for adoption. Acupuncture services, which can alleviate pain and discomfort are available to client pets by appointment. The cost is \$105 for the first exam and treatment and \$75 per subsequent treatment.



**Become a sponsor
of the Rubber Duck
Pluck to be held
June 18!**

www.PetAlliesAZ.org/duck

or email Anne at
designedcuisine@yahoo.com
for more information

Bubba finds his pack

We love hearing from adoptive pet parents! Libby McClendon wrote us that Bubba is a very happy-go-lucky pup of 9 months now. “He loves his house-cat and even the poor feral cats endure his attentiveness. He wants to shower them with kisses”. Libby also told us that “He is very attached to his “pack” and is always ready and willing to accompany us wherever we go. Bubba comes to a whistle and is good with basic commands and hand signals. He is a constant source of joy and fun”! Way to go Bubba, we’re glad you found a great pack to love and be loved by!



Bubba at 9 months and with his littermates at the shelter



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