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## Ensure Happy Endings

### Using a tracking tag on your dog or cat

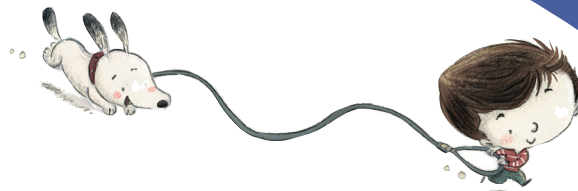
by Jennifer Rinaldi

It's twilight and you and your pup are enjoying all that our mountain can offer. You are sitting in your fenced in back yard as an elk walks past the fence causing your dog to do something you never imagined he would do; he climbs the fence and takes off at a dead run into the darkness choosing not to hear you as you as you listen to his howls melt away in the distance.

This scenario plays out literally hundreds of times a season as full timers and Airbnb aficionados come up to enjoy the woods, never thinking that their dog or cat could become a sad statistic. Even those of us who live here full time can have a Houdini in their midst, which can be that dog that disappears quietly when a gate is left open by accident.

This is why I invested in a tracking tag for my dog. The nice thing about a tracking tag is that it is a real time look at where your dog is located. My dog also has a microchip which gives him another layer of safety. The problem with chips is that they are not a proactive way of finding your dog. Chips work only when the animal is found and taken to a vet, shelter, or police station to be scanned. Often that can take days or longer.

It has been my experience here in our subdivision, that every time we find a loose animal it's usually on a weekend or holiday, or the animal is too skittish to be approached, rendering the chip if there is one, a viable solution only if you can catch the dog and get it to a vet or shelter. That's why I consider microchips a useful *second layer* of defense, as they are an excellent way to prove ownership. The tracking tag is my first layer of defense to protect my pet.



I purchased the Pawscout tracking tag which is a non-subscription system. I must say for \$14 and change, it gives you some great features along with an easy app to navigate. In addition, the tag is smaller than the size of a half dollar and is light weight, which makes it a good choice for smaller dogs and cats.

There are two types of trackers, those with and those without monthly fees. The cost for trackers ranges from around \$15 dollars to upwards of \$250, with monthly subscription plans ranging from \$5-10 dollars per month.

Most trackers come with apps that will link to either social media or to a similar platform in their own network. Lost dogs can be posted, and last seen locations shared easily on local social media sites such as Nextdoor, Facebook, and others, which is often the best way to reunite owner and pet. Most also have a page for your dog's profile which includes things like medications they might take, and even behavior traits such as on-leash aggression and more. This is helpful stuff if someone finds your pet.

With any type of tracker, make sure that the app offered with the tag or collar is compatible with your phone. There is nothing so frustrating as trying to get your new piece of tech up and running, only to find out that it won't run on your platform.

Do a little research and find the one best for you. Have fun and keep your pets safe!

# Gracie & Mali Happy Tails



Look who came to visit the Pet Allies Animal Shelter recently!

It's **Gracie**. This smiling girl and her people are having the time of their lives. They're going on adventures and stopping by the local coffee shop to get a pup cup on the way. They couldn't be more pleased. The wife calls Gracie "the other woman".

You sure scored a deliciously wonderful life Gracie!



Evan L. wrote to us about **Maleficent** (shortened to Mali) who he adopted this past February. "When we got her she would find a corner and not leave let alone allow a leash to be put on her. Now she enjoys her nightly leashed walks, playing in the back yard with the kids or with the neighbors lab pup. When not playing she can be found sleeping on the couch but never far from her people. She's smart and learns fast, but her history (what ever that was) still comes through when experiencing new things. But she is getting better all the time and we love her."

# THANK YOU!

From the smallest donation to the larger gifts, we appreciate the support. **YOU are Altering Lives.**



**R**ilee is a lucky dog to go home with our wonderful Dr. Nita Gulbus and her husband Brian. Dr. G. has been coming up from the valley twice a month to spay or neuter our shelter animals and we sure appreciate her!

Thank you to Living Hope Centers for donating their old ultrasound machine. They were fortunate to receive a grant for a new one and paid it forward in kindness to the Pet Allies Clinic to help assess certain health issues.

Another great Rubber Duck Pluck is in the books and we have our staff, volunteers, duck purchasers and our wonderful SPONSORS to thank. Please consider buying local from these businesses.

Jill Tinkel-State Farm, Guild Mortgage, Reserve Analyst, Nicole Van den Bosch-(West USA Realty), HonDah Resort and Casino, Demers Glass,

Designed Cuisine, A Personal Chef Service, Meredith Maier Eckhardt-(ReMax), Perkins Cinders, Joy's Furniture, Tami Fenner, Alpha Oxy-Med LLC, Hatch Toyota, Loft 54 Interiors, Design West Window and Door, City of Show Low, Kim's Hallmark, Blume Haus Floral, Paw Prints on Woodland, Dion's Automotive, Above and Beyond Dog Grooming, Sparklight, Blue Ridge Pet Clinic, Lawyer's Title, Builders First Source, Farmer's Insurance Agency, Inc., Pioneer Title Agency, White Mountain Solar, Hometown Income Tax Service, Rogue Salon & Spa and Rim Country Media 107.9.

## Rubber Duck Pluck a Success

by Anne Blankenship

**T**he 4<sup>th</sup> annual White Mountain Rubber Duck Pluck was a roaring success. We were overwhelmed with the wonderful sponsors who really stepped up this year to support the annual fundraising event for Pet Allies.

The sponsorships alone raised \$23,000. In total after expenses \$33,705 was raised for animals in need.

We had some terrific raffle prizes, many of which were donated by local restaurants and businesses. Sallie Anderson and Jennifer Rinaldi put together beautiful baskets full of donated goodies. The raffle tent was popular, with folks putting as many raffle tickets as possible beside their desired basket.

The crowd at the event this year was the largest we have had,

including some of the generous sponsors who joined us to promote their business under the large tent rented from Willa's Cottage.

Great excitement greeted our very own "Liza Minelli" aka Suzanne who serenaded us with her fantastic renditions of classic songs such as "New York, New York" and "All That Jazz."

We were also joined by radio station 107.9, "The Eagle" who is part of Rim Country Media. The two DJs played classic rock music, helped make announcements, and livened up the general atmosphere.

The plucking of the 3 "lucky ducky" winners was conducted again as last year with "Toby" the "Duck Plucking Dog" and his handler Jane Dyer. "Toby" was rescued from the Pet Allies shelter a few years ago and

Jane has trained him to fetch ducks from our "pond" for the winners.

All 3 of the winners graciously donated part of their winnings back to the Pet Allies shelter. The winners were Wendy Kovacic (\$2500), Ian Steel (\$1000) and Kim Macaluso (\$500).

This year's "Duckerating" contest winner was DJ Brenda Thomas from "The Eagle" radio station with her VERY creative "Rocker Chick" duck. She even dressed in a similar costume to her duck and was a big hit! She was absolutely thrilled to win the 1<sup>st</sup> place award for her decorated duck.

Plans are already in place for next year's event on June 17, 2023. We hope to see you then!

*See photos on next page*

# 2022 Rubber Duck Pluck fun



## GET OUT WITH A FURRY FRIEND

Want to get a little exercise while making a dog's day? Come walk a shelter dog! Pet Allies has plenty of pups anxious to go out on a stroll or even a run with you.

Come visit the shelter today at 1321 N 16th in Show Low. All you need to do is fill out a one page volunteer form, get a 5 minute tour, grab a leash and go! You will be doing a good deed for yourself and a dog in need. Score!



## SPAY/NEUTER AZ PLATES

Pet Allies has been notified that we are the recipients of a grant from the Arizona Pet Plates program! We are thrilled to receive a \$4,500 grant towards spay/neuter services for our community. If you haven't gotten a specialized Arizona license plate yet that shows you are "pet friendly" please consider doing so. The proceeds benefit shelters like Pet Allies.



## Plan ahead for your pet's future & become a member of Legacy Friends

Have you decided to include Pet Allies in your will or trust? Or is Pet Allies included as a beneficiary on your IRA, 401k or life insurance? Then let us know and become a member of Legacy Friends!

A benefit of being a member of Legacy Friends is the Legacy Care program. With Legacy Care, if you predecease your pets, Pet Allies will accept the pets and find them a new home. Of course, we would do that anyway. But with Legacy Care, you can provide us with details about your pet's likes, dislikes, diet, and veterinary records. We will update this information with you periodically to make sure we have everything we might need if your pets need to find new homes.

It is hard for a pet lover to think about the confusion and fear a pet would have if their loving home was suddenly disrupted by the death of their owner. But Pet Allies can help ease the fear and help find the pet a new home using the information that we have in our Legacy Care files.

To be frank, we can't really depend on our friends or relatives to take our pets if anything happens to us. They may have good intentions, but a pet may disrupt their lives and they just might not love the pet the way you do. Legacy Care can act as a back-up plan so your pet doesn't end up at the vet or in a home where they aren't loved and cared for.

**To enroll or for more information, please contact Daphne Grace at [daphne@petalliesaz.org](mailto:daphne@petalliesaz.org).**

To find out more ways on how you can support Pet Allies please contact RJ Owens **928-537-8009** or visit our website at [www.PetAlliesAZ.org](http://www.PetAlliesAZ.org)

## Water Hazards in Warm Weather

Algae are microscopic organisms that can be found naturally in all types of water. Sometimes algae rapidly grow out of control, or bloom. In Arizona, a bloom of blue-green algae can produce toxins (poisons), which can cause serious illness in people and animals, and in rare cases can be deadly.

### Harmful blue-green algae can:

- Look like pea soup or spilled green paint
- Discolor or leave streaks in the water
- Be surface scum, mats or films

- Appear as green dots or globs floating below the surface

### Symptoms of Intoxication

Dogs can develop poisoning when they drink from, or even simply swim in, contaminated water sources. If blue-green algae is ingested, it can cause severe neurological or liver damage.

Signs of blue-green algae toxicity include:

- Seizures
- Panting

- Excessive drooling
- Respiratory failure
- Diarrhea
- Disorientation
- Vomiting
- Liver failure
- Ultimately death

If your dog begins to experience any of these symptoms, you should contact your veterinarian immediately. When in doubt stay out!



# CatLANDia

a Pet Allies raffle for 40 acres

We are approaching the one year anniversary of the Timberline hoarding situation where over 120 cats and 4 dogs were discovered in one trailer. One cat remains ready for his forever home from that case and once he is adopted, we will pull the

winning ticket for the 40 acres of land. Get your lucky ticket today at [www.PetAlliesAZ.org/raffle](http://www.PetAlliesAZ.org/raffle) and you could be a big winner! Only \$20 a ticket for a chance at becoming a landowner. Kitty up!



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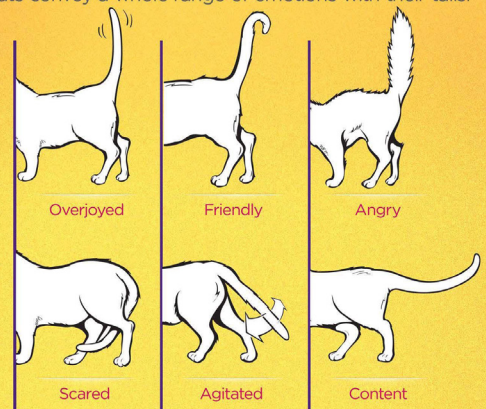
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## CATTITUDES

Cat body language decoded

### The Telltale Tail

Cats convey a whole range of emotions with their tails.



### Ears, Eyes & Whiskers

Look to these to tell you how your cat really feels.

