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## Hoarding Update

Over 120 Cats Taken In



As of September 27, 2021, 123 cats (and 4 dogs) were removed by animal control officers from one trailer 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 given.

Each animal brought to Pet Allies, was checked in and given a numbered collar, placed in a safe and clean crate with plenty of water and food and their health assessed by our vet techs. Cats in the most serious condition were helped first and all have been given vaccinations, flea and ear mite treatment, and were spayed or neutered. Most required dental care including extractions due to poor nutrition in an unsanitary and



desperately crowded environment.

Sadly, several cats were too ill to survive and were humanely euthanized.

Currently, 28 have been adopted, 16 are in foster care, 3 on a slumber party and 64 remain at the Pet Allies Animal Shelter or at the former Barkin' Basement location awaiting adoption.

This has been a heavy burden on our staff, volunteers and on our cash flow with having to care for so many additional lives beyond the dogs and cats already at our shelter. Pet Allies estimates the cost for care of these cats will exceed \$60,000. But, the support we have gotten and continue to receive, during this difficult situation is appreciated and has warmed our weary hearts!

Many folks have donated cat food and litter, crates and toys as well as cash for which we are forever grateful. Check out our newest fundraiser, CatLANDia which is a raffle for 40 acres of land east of Holbrook. More information on page 2 as well as on our web site at [www.PetallicsAZ.org/raffle](http://www.PetallicsAZ.org/raffle).

# Lucky Happy Tail



We adopted Lucky from Pet Allies last August and I just wanted to let you know that the shy little dog has grown into the most

awesome family member we could have ever wanted.

We lost our Heeler in July of 2020 and I knew I had to rescue another dog. One day I saw a photo of Lucky on your web site and said to myself this will be my new dog. When I called you I was told Lucky was spending the day at the clinic and I made the first possible appointment for the next morning! My husband Doug and I met the skinny little pup and immediately decided to adopt him. He was so shy and scared to even get into our truck! We lifted him in there and I rode in the back seat with him, he was very quiet but did put his head into my lap, that's when he stole my heart and healed it from the loss of our Heeler!

Now a year has gone by and Lucky is a joy! He listens and is well mannered, he takes a while to warm up to strangers but has made quite a few people friends and he is a great watch dog! He has been on many adventures, loves to go places in his RV or truck and he loves his morning walk with his dad. He plays great with other dogs and has grown into his big feet.

He also loves to play ball and play with his sticks, He is very smart and knows all his plush toys by name! Thank you for giving us the opportunity to adopt this perfect fur child, he truly is the best!

Kind regards,

Rita Erickson

# 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.**



Big thanks to Ed and Beth Rita (above) who donated a badly needed refrigerator to Pet Allies.

Thank you to the many, many individuals who answered the call for kitty litter, cat food and other supplies when we were in crisis mode with the cat hoarding situation.

Hugs to Bob "The Handyman Extraordinaire" Owens (at



right) for always coming to the rescue wherever needed.

We appreciate Pam Lebowitz for conducting a fundraiser at her Yoga Studio in support of caring for the cats in the Timberline

hoarding case.

And a round of applause to Shary



Kopp of Classic Cookware of Show Low! She held a raffle in September for the 100+ cats we rescued in August and raised \$840.00! Some lucky folks won Ballerini cookware and she even gave away a few extra saute pans to others who bought tickets. We are VERY appreciative of everyone's generosity, and kindness.



## 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](http://www.PetAlliesAZ.org/raffle) or stop in at the Pet Allies Animal Shelter TODAY!



## staff spotlight: Amanda Ratcliffe

Once in a while we will turn the spotlight on one of our wonderful staff members. Our first is Amanda Ratcliffe who joined Pet Allies earlier this year. We asked Amanda to tell us a bit about herself and here's what she had to say.

"Prior to my time with Pet Allies, I was a supervisor for a third party administrator for class action lawsuits and data breach. I've always wanted to be a part of the animal welfare industry and knew I didn't want to continue on my current career path. So, I resigned from my position and sold my home. I packed up my Jeep and drove the 1,697 miles from Columbus, Ohio.

When searching for a shelter in the surrounding areas of Snowflake, I



discovered Pet Allies. I greatly admire what the team has been able to accomplish and the outstanding care they provide the animals. I decided this would be a good place for me to learn, from the ground up".

Well, Amanda, we're sure glad you found Pet Allies. You are a true asset to the team and to our furry friends!

## PET ALLIES SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC Q & A

**Q:** Where is the clinic located?

**A:** It's still in the original building at 4050 S White Mountain Road in Show Low. It was closed for about 2 months while waiting for a permanent veterinarian, Dr. James Ponder, to be settled in Show Low and ready to go to work.



**Q:** What's happening with clinic moving to the new location?

**A:** The contractor began the remodel of the warehouse at 1321 N 16th Street in March of this year and projected to be completed in July. The remodel is still on-going. Issues with construction are causing multiple delays. For example, during the bidding process drainage issues were missed which means

that an additional \$50-60,000 is needed to complete the project.

**Q:** What's happening with the old Barkin' Basement and the current clinic?

**A:** The buildings are for sale and the funds realized from the sale will be used to complete the remodel

at the new location.

They look very nice with the great paint job from *The Paint Guy*. The thrift store building is being used to house the cats from Timberline that are not in foster care or at the shelter. Volunteers to help care for the cats 7 days a week are appreciated. Write to [rjowens@petalliesaz.org](mailto:rjowens@petalliesaz.org) if you are interested in volunteering with the cats.



## what happens if you can't come home?

by Jennifer Rinaldi

As a member of the board of Pet Allies, and secretary of the Arizona White Mountain Kennel Club, I, and my fellow board members have sadly had first-hand experience with having to care for pets when the unimaginable happens. With nothing in place from the owner, those of us left caring for the animals, scramble to reach out to traumatized family members hoping they are sympathetic to their loved one's animals' welfare. Gaining authorization and money for care can be a nightmare, adding to an already stressful time. An extended hospital stay can change your life as well as your ability to financially care for your animals. Your death will be life altering for them. Without proper planning, your babies could end up at a local animal shelter or worse.

### *Plan for their future care.*

Set up a trust in your pet's name so that the funds in the trust will be used expressly for their future care. You will need a trustee or trustee's named in the account, someone who will act on behalf of your animals. A Trustee would also need to be willing to act at a moment's notice on your behalf, having access to your home and instructions for your animals' care.

You will also need a **Pet Care Emergency Authorization Form** on the Resources page on the Pet Allies website.

This form will need to be in a place where your trustee or trustee's can easily find it. Having one on file with your vet is also an option. This form allows care givers to take the animal to your vet if necessary and make life or death decisions in your absence. Your trust fund will allow them to continue care and feeding, and possibly transport to their new home if the need arises.

A few precautions on your part will ensure that the ones you love will live out their lives with love!

## HUGE thank you to Dr. Andersen

We are forever grateful to Dr. Steve Andersen who stepped out of retirement (again), to give medical attention to the over 120 cats from the Timberline hoarding situation. Along with the many, many volunteers and staff members, Dr. Andersen provided immediate attention to the cats with most severe health issues, followed by providing wellness exams, dental care, vaccinations and of course spay or neuter surgery to tall of the cats rescued from this horrible situation. Thank you Dr. Andersen, we love and appreciate you!



## Pet Allies Welcomes Dr. Ponder

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Ponder to the community and to the Pet Allies team! Dr. James Ponder is a native of northern California and he and his wife Mary Ann have recently moved to the White Mountains. After receiving his BS in Zoology at UC Davis, he completed his Master's research on the feline nutrition and in 1985 graduated from the most respected veterinary school in the world, U.C. Davis.

In addition to general practice and medicine, Dr. Ponder has a strong interest in pain management, orthopedics, lameness, and surgery. He has also had extra training in behavior and his continuing education covers a wide variety of up-to-date research and surgical skills.

Clinic re-opens November 30th and we're scheduling appointments for clients now Monday-Wednesday, 8AM to 11AM. (928) 532-1602



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