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November

# Rescue Tales

Recent rescues...



Further adventures of Pa'rus...

Tuba City Humane Society then contacted Best Friends Animal Society to see if they would accept Pa'rus for the next phase of his healing journey. There an orthopedic specialist could provide evaluation and treatment and determine the best course for dealing with his hip and pelvic injuries. We wanted to give him the best opportunity to have a quality life with the least amount of pain, to be able to really thrive.

Best Friends agreed to take him, if we could hold him until January, when their orthopedic specialist arrives.

As fate would have it, we were contacted by a very kind family in St. George, Utah, who had visited Tuba City the previous year, and wanted to do something to help us. Was it possible they could foster Pa'rus until January, in closer proximity to the Best Friends Animal Society sanctuary?

Yes, they could and would. Pa'rus went from an outside run at Dr. Holgate's clinic, where he had been for 2 months, to a foster home, for the next phase of his journey!



Pa'rus  
when he  
was first  
rescued

Two  
months  
later

## Transformation

*Kind tourists Meredith Harper and Allen Rosso, visiting from New York, saw a dog who was very ill, hanging around McDonalds in Tuba City. They made sure he was brought into rescue, and then sponsored his initial care.*

They named him Pa'rus (whose name means "bubbling spring"). He was brought to us in early August with a terrible case of Sarcoptic mange, anemic and lethargic, emaciated, and suffering from tick disease. He was very, very sick. In addition, it was clear he had suffered some kind of earlier trauma, most likely hit by a car.

Friendly and with a very sweet temperament, Pa'rus spent the next two months receiving treatment from Dr Carol Holgate of Desert View Veterinary Clinic, our primary service provider. Meredith and Allen followed him through treatment, asking for frequent updates and progress reports. They were thrilled to see his progress, and the recovery of his spirit. They hoped to adopt him and have him move to New York with them, following treatment. Slowly, slowly, after several weeks, his hair began to come back, and Dr. Holgate was then able to turn her focus to his other injuries. She examined him more thoroughly and realized that he had suffered severe injury to his hips and pelvis. She cautioned Meredith and Allen that he always avoided stairs, had an odd hopping gait, and couldn't open his legs normally. X-rays revealed that his pelvis had been crushed at some point, and that he had fractures in both hip joints. Dr. Holgate felt that he needed surgery in at least one hip joint, that we would not be able to provide. Meredith and Allen were heartbroken to discover that due to Pa'rus's injuries, moving to the vertical world of New York, where even going to the dog park requires dealing with stairs, was not the right fit for him.

## Tuba City Humane Society Undergoes Leadership Change But Mission Remains the Same

Tuba City Humane Society was started in 1994 by Mary Jo Parys, a pediatric nurse who worked at the Tuba City Hospital. We are an all-volunteer organization. TCHS has gone through some big changes this year. We have a new leadership board comprised of Rose Moonwater and Jazmin Villavicencio. Sylvia Moore, who has been the Executive Director since 2010, is still helping us. A new direction for us this year is trying to grow our foster home network, and engage more volunteers in Tuba City, Flagstaff, and other surrounding areas.

Our mission, to end animal overpopulation, suffering and homelessness in Tuba City and the western Navajo Nation, remains the same. We have helped a lot of animals this year. We have also been fortunate to apply

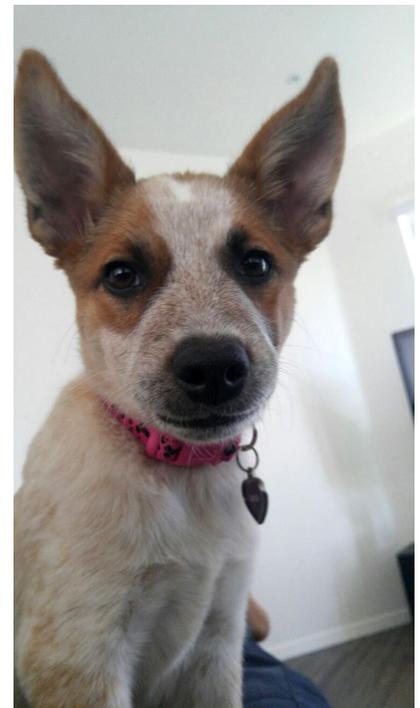
for and receive three grant awards. One grant from the Arizona Community Foundation has helped to partially pay for some of the cost of veterinary care for rescued animals. Veterinary costs are high because many of the animals we rescue are sick. Mange, parvo, and tick disease are common. We still need to raise more funds for veterinary costs, which are 98% of our costs. Other grants from the Tuba City Community Fund and Arizona Pet Friendly License Plates allow us to offer a subsidized low-cost spay/neuter program for the public. We currently have only a handful of foster homes. We need more foster homes, and people who can help us transport animals from Tuba City to Flagstaff and the Phoenix area. We really need more help, of all kinds.



**Chino and Chuck, two puppies rescued from a gas station - adopted**

Every rescued animal has a story, though sometimes we only know one little part. During the months of August and September, we rescued almost 80 animals. Many times, tourists passing through will see animals begging at gas stations and markets and give us a call asking us to take these animals. Since we do not have a facility, we rely on our small handful of foster homes, our temporary holding space of a few outdoor kennels at Dr. Holgate's clinic (when we have room), and our main shelter transfer partner, Coconino Humane Society, in Flagstaff. Every animal that we intake at Dr. Holgate's clinic receives veterinary care. Without more foster homes, increased donations, and the possibility of recovering some costs through adoption fees, our

current model is not sustainable. We know there are a lot of animals needing help, and we would like to help them. We rely on your donations to help fund our rescue program. As we try and spread our network further, we also hope to take some of the burden off of Dr. Holgate, and her husband Elward, who have provided so much to our community.



**Coco, parvo survivor - adopted**

### Facts and Figures

**175** Animals helped in 2016, so far

**\$155** Average veterinary cost for each animal rescued, based on the last year and a half

**5** Current number of foster homes

**Interested in fostering for us?**

**Info on web site at:**

<http://www.tubacityhumanesociety.org/how-you-can-help/>

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**Jim and Johnna, gas station puppies - adopted**



*Zaddy and Rider, rescued by Caleb, from Wyoming, who was passing through Tuba City and saw them dumped by the side of the road - they are still under our care*

They say it takes a village. We know this to be true. Everything we are able to accomplish rests on the donations we receive. We value the lives we can save. We value the people we meet who are trying to help strays, that we can work alongside. We love being part of a network of helpers, of people and animals, trying to solve the problem situations we run across. Rescue can be a roller coaster. The high of being able to give a second chance to an animal in need. The joy of adoption and updates

and glimpses into the lives they are now living, so different from rough beginnings. The low of having to be responsible for euthanizing a stray that was hit by a car and then brought to us, suffering. Parvo puppies, some that survive with care, some that are too sick and don't make it. The puzzle and choreography of trying to figure out where the animals we take in can go. Finding out when someone is going to town and can they transport for us. The partners who say yes, we can take

them in. We believe in the importance of kindness. We are so grateful to our veterinary partners, who provide so much care to our animals. We express our gratitude and appreciation to all of those who support our work, make it possible, join our network, help spread the word, adopt from us, donate, volunteer, foster, transport, and the list goes on and on.

## Gratitude!

# Volunteers, donors and partners sustain our work!



*Archie, found in Red Lake - adopted*

## Partner Organizations

Coconino Humane Association  
 Arizona Border Collie Rescue  
 High Country Puppy Rescue  
 Paw Promise Animal Rescue  
 Lulubelle Animal Rescue  
 The Ark Cat Sanctuary  
 Second Chance Center for Animals  
 Best Friends Animal Society

## Veterinary Services

Desert View Veterinary Clinic  
 Kaibab Veterinary Clinic  
 Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic Flagstaff

## Grant Funds

Tuba City Community Fund  
 Arizona Community Foundation  
 Arizona Pet Friendly License Plates

## Rescue Network

Blackhat Humane Society  
 Good Dog Rez-Q  
 Soul Dog Rescue  
 RezDawg Rescue

## Donated Pet Food

Best Friends Animal Society  
 Second Chance Center for Animals  
 Deborah Franklin



Precious and Grace are two pit bull/cattle dog mix puppies who were rescued in Tuba City separately, but Dr. Holgate thinks that they are siblings. Both had Sarcoptic mange. They received treatment and healed over the course of a couple of months, and are now ready and available for adoption. They are sweet,

friendly puppies, very laid back. Their foster home has allowed them to heal, and to learn about living in a home environment, receive house breaking training, learn to use the doggie door, play, play, play, learn from their foster sibling, and gain a lot of confidence in the love and care of people.



Rita, found in Red Lake - adopted

*In this year of change, we seek a sustainable way forward. The need is great, and we are helping more animals than ever. If you have ideas of how we can support our work, and continue to rescue, please share them with us. We could not have succeeded and cannot continue to succeed without your support.*



Tuuvi gas station puppy Jim - adopted

### Spot's Story

Every Rez dog has a story. My Momma was the best Momma to me, my two brothers, and two sisters, and taught us how to survive. Our Momma begged for food with her friends at a gas station, to feed us. She took good care of us by teaching us to hide under a shed in the cool soft dirt, especially in the heat of the day. One day a lady saw our Momma at the gas station, and she told the Tuba City Humane Society. They sent a lady and a man to look for our Momma. When they found her, they could tell she had puppies somewhere. They followed her back to the shed and found us living under there. Our Momma taught us never to let anyone near, and we ran so fast away from them. My brother and sister hid in a pile of tires, but the lady and man reached in and caught them. They were so afraid and cried very loud. The rest of us crawled into the farthest corner under the shed where they could not reach us. The next evening they came back again and they piled things to block the way we get in and out. They caught my brother and sister, this time so quickly, leaving only me. My Momma ran away with her friends. The people came back and tried to catch me again, but I ran away so fast. The next time, they got really, really close to me, but I got away again. The next night they finally caught me. I was so scared. They brought me to a place where my brothers and sisters were staying. We had a new den, and more soft dirt. I thought I would try my hardest to dig my way out of there.



*(Rescued at 3 months of age, these puppies had never been touched by people before. Sadly, Momma dog disappeared. All of the puppies slowly came out of their shells, were socialized and eventually adopted into good homes.)*

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