

Rescue Tales

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May



Early days



Later days



In the neighborhood

by **Julaire Scott**

When I got home today from Flagstaff I saw that the neighbor had left the empty dog food container on my porch. I have been helping her reduce her dog population to a more manageable number.

First I fed her dogs myself. Then I got her a container, a scoop, bowls for each dog, and an igloo with bedding. Tonight when I went to deliver a refilled container, I gave her a couple of collars, leashes, and some treats (all from Deb). My neighbor is the oldest child in her family, and she is 12 years old. She has three younger siblings. They all came running to help me carry the supplies. They were so excited about the new supplies.

When they went through everything, they immediately made plans on training their free roaming dogs to walk on a leash. They made their dogs sit before giving treats. One of the younger siblings (approx. 6 yrs old) asked permission to walk the largest dog on a leash. I suggested he start with the puppy first.

They were discussing how they wanted to get their dogs to stop chasing horses, walk on leashes, follow simple commands, and learn how to ride in a car (the family doesn't have a car).

Even though we have a lot more animals coming in than we can foster through to adoption right now, I am so happy to think that we are encouraging responsible pet owners in Tuba City. These kids now watch for changes in behavior, eating patterns, ticks, and anything else they notice and like to share with me. They are all sweet kids who are grateful for the support.

I plan to continue to help them as much as I can. I am glad that I have the support of TCHS to help them. When I first started feeding them there were two mothers with litters (one litter died, except for one puppy) one adult male, and three adult females. No one had seen a vet. They were all starving and attacking each other for food. Now some have been rescued and the dogs still here are learning to eat out of separate bowls and wear collars.

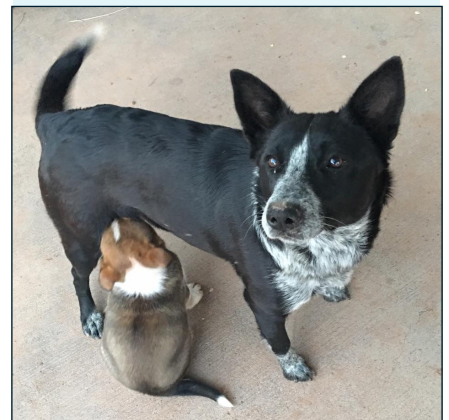
Feral puppies rescued from a collapsing dirt den



Moe, found by the road, hit by a car, with a broken leg, after splinting, now adopted



Momma Abby, rescued with tick diseases and Canine Transmissible Venereal Tumor, now in treatment



Momma Abby's puppies

The Journey of Frankie Jr.

This handsome boy is Frankie Jr. Rescued at the beginning of the year, he was a terrified feral puppy found on the rifle range, with a bad case of Sarcoptic mange. His recovery began with Dr. Carol Holgate at Desert View Veterinary Clinic. Then he was fostered by Frank and Jenny. Due to the infectious nature of Sarcoptic mange, Frankie Jr. had to be kept separate from the rest of the family. Mange generally requires 6 weeks of treatment to clear. During that time, Frankie Jr. started to bond with his foster dad and

Notes from a Foster Home

by Deborah Franklin



Safe arms

Scary Shadows

By : Frankie

Written by: Momma Deb

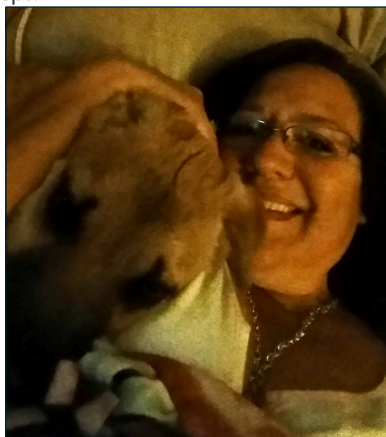
The shadows make me scaredy, my own shadow is scaredy. I hide my face in a warm soft spot so I don't see the shadows. But these people are talking to me a lot about safety and love. I'm feeling better and sometimes I run around for over an hour and I forget to be scared. My Foster Brother and Sister aren't scared so I wonder if I can be like them someday. I watch them play so I follow them. I really like the hairy things called goats. We run along the fence and lay down for a rest together. When I'm dusty, our Momma wipes us off with a towel. I'm kinda scaredy of the towel, but it feels kinda nice. Today I met a new friend called Moe, we look different but we both want the same thing. It was fun and I wasn't scared of him.

Frankie

By: Momma Deb

Dear sweet Frankie Jr. came to us so very frightened. He sat frozen like a bunny. Every shadow seemed to give him a tremble.

mom. Eventually, he was able to join the family with everyone, and discovered the joys of leaving his safe spot in a kennel and being on a couch. Then Frankie Jr. moved to a new foster situation, with Jeff and Deb, where he has been for several weeks. We are so very grateful to all of our incredible foster families, who provide the foundation for a successful adoption. Frankie Jr. is a special boy learning lots of new things in itty bitty steps.



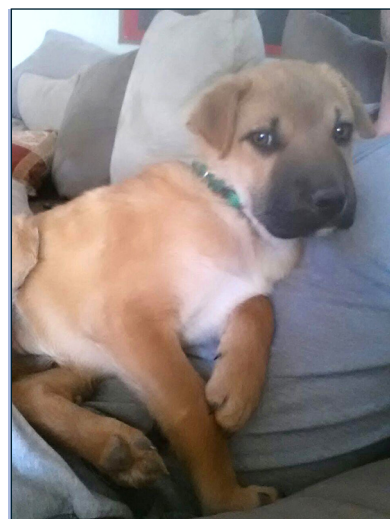
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felt so sad for him but I knew if we were going to continue the rehabilitation process I couldn't give in to much to his fears.

Frank and Jenny had brought Frankie Jr. so far from the early days of being "Rifle Boy." I remember seeing the first picture of Frankie Jr. on Franks lap. I was hoping for some of those moments. We have been happy to share some of those moments with you. They haven't been easy to come by. Frankie Jr. has lots of work still needed in some areas but is coming along as well as any other puppy in other areas. He knows his big golden eyes and those adorable eyebrows can work puppy magic. He is learning to pour on the charm and wiggle the eyebrows when he doesn't want to try something new. We have to look away or we just start laughing. We know he loves praise and treats. He is getting used to us petting him when we walk by. Today he stood still in the sun and got hugs. He looked at my shadow and jumped, but just a little. And for today, that's more than good enough.



Jackson, Foster Brother, and Frankie Jr.



Frankie Jr., first bonding photo in foster Frank's lap

Facts and Figures

238 Animals helped in 2016

\$155 Average veterinary cost for each animal rescued

\$35,243 veterinary expenses of rescue for 2016

122 Animals helped Jan.- April, 2017

7 Current number of foster homes

Interested in fostering for us?

Info on web site at:

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

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The Gap dumpsters

There is an area off Highway 89, north of Tuba City, where there is a transfer station and dumpsters near the side of the road. This is a trouble spot where animals are often dumped and needing rescue. We often receive calls from tourists passing through the area, a scenic zone between Lake Powell and Flagstaff, who unknowingly stumble upon dogs needing help. The need in this area is so

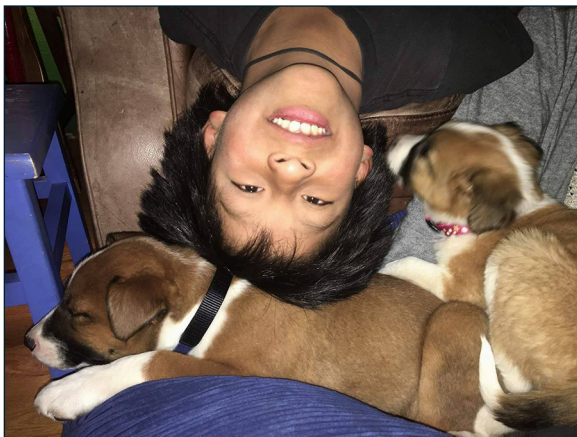
overwhelming that we partner with rescuers in Page, Flagstaff, Tuba City and Kayenta, to try and help the animals at the Gap dumpsters and still we do not have enough resources. Animals rescued from this area often have mange, Parvo, distemper, and sometimes severe injuries. Since there is a trading



Bear, rescued from the Gap dumpsters, treated for Sarcoptic mange for six weeks, then transferred to AZ Dog Adoptions in Phoenix where he found his forever home

post at the Gap, across the highway from a convenience store/service station, dogs go back and forth across the highway to beg for food, which can be deadly.

Recent Rescues

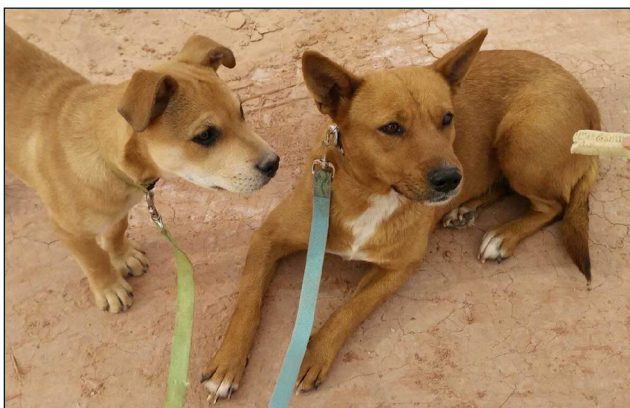


Luca with Diego and Frida, foster puppies, both now adopted

Grateful to our Foster Homes, RescuePartners, Donors, and all whose support enables us to continue to help animals in need!



Five year old Toby, a stray who was seen in many neighborhoods before he was rescued, needed treatment for some bite wounds



Meet Carmel and Ginger, two recent rescues. Carmel is a 3 month old male puppy, who was rescued and fostered and is still seeking his adoptive home. Momma Ginger was rescued with a litter of 5 puppies. Ginger was given full veterinary care. We did not have room in a foster home for her, and she had

been a long time stray, so her rescuer worked with her on leash training, car rides, dog to dog meet and greets, and overcoming food aggression. She was transferred to Arizona Animal Welfare League & SPCA in Phoenix, where we hope to see her adopted soon.

Flagstaff Sedona Dog Magazine Article



Flagstaff Sedona Dog Magazine published an article about Tuba City Humane Society, in the February/March 2017 issue, entitled *Shelter Without Walls Struggles to Serve Navajo Nation*, written by Jacqueline Vaughn. You can see it on the Tuba City Humane Society web site. We

thank them for their support!

Access to Low-Cost Spay/Neuter

Thanks to Reservation Animal Rescue (RAR), a program of Partnership With Native Americans, we are able to offer more low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, one of the main tools to reduce animal overpopulation. We would like to be able to offer this program year-round. Thanks to our grant funders for supporting this program!



Change makers tackle dog issue in Tuba City: Second graders search for solutions to stray dog issue on Navajo Reservation



TUBA CITY, Ariz. — Students in Leslie Hosteen's second grade class, inspired by the non-fiction book *Change Maker*, a story about kids who are making a difference in the world, decided to become change makers themselves.

Article published in the Navajo-Hopi Observer on April 18, 2017, by Katherine Locke/NHO. You can find a link to this article on our web site. <http://www.tubacityhumane.org>

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