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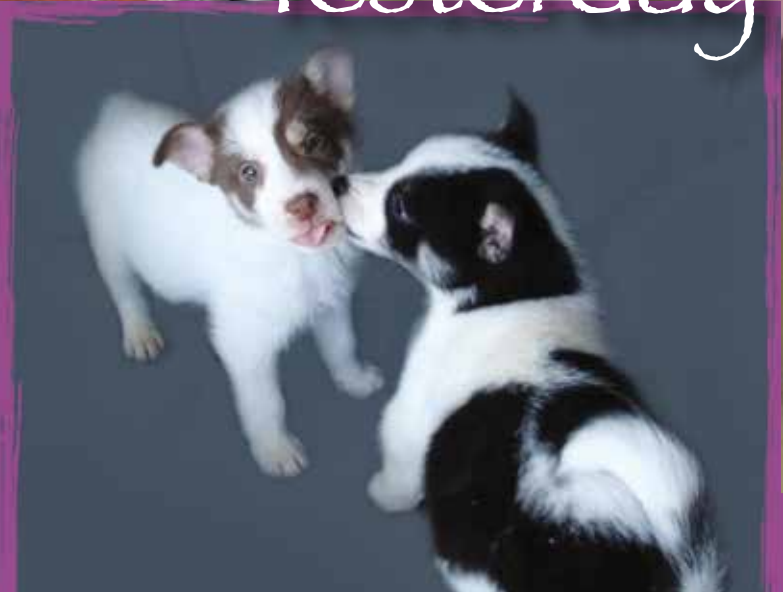
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RESCUE NEWS

Rescue and shelter organizations are in constant need of volunteers, foster homes, and funds. Please check out the calendar in this edition for contact information about these wonderful groups and how you can support their events.



Missy-B when found at a Tuba City Gas Station by Elward and Dr. Carol Holgate at 7-8 weeks of age

Care and Treatment of Mange Puppies

By Dorothy J. Meyer and Mary Jo Parys of the Tuba City Humane Society

Mange is an infectious skin disease caused by parasitic mites and found in domestic and wild animals. In dogs, there are several types of mites which cause mange including: sarcoptes, demodex, and cheyletiellosis. Any of these mites can cause mild to severe skin infections.

It is possible for individual families to care for and treat mange infected puppies and

dogs within their home under the direction of a veterinarian. However, the majority of mange infected dogs are abandoned or brought to Humane Societies and shelters for care and treatment. Often, individuals are not comfortable with the ineffectiveness of mange, do not have time available to provide the required 6-10 weeks of care, or are not able to afford the cost of treatment and veterinary care.

The Tuba City Humane Society (TCHS) does accept mange puppies and dogs when foster homes are available for placement. However, the care required comes at a cost of dollars, time, and special attention. Mange infected puppies often have additional infections, such as bacterial skin infections, ear infections, eye infections, and Giardia.

Following is a summary of care provided to five infected puppies at TCHS. Although each of these puppies had severe sarcoptic mange, they were all successfully treated and adopted into forever homes.

Initially all these puppies were sick and frightened, with limited or no human contact.

This necessitated early socialization within the context of maintaining their isolation. In the beginning, socialization consisted of holding the puppy and providing encouraging and comforting words. Crate training was immediate, and house training started, as able. Around 8-10 weeks of age, teaching simple commands was begun. Once the mange was cleared, the socialization was increased through exposure to other animals, people, and situations, including car riding. Socialization is especially important to enable the puppy to successfully adjust to home living and to become an active member of the family unit.

Throughout the isolation and care, daily time was required to maintain their environment and to take them to their veterinary visits. Food and supplies, including cleaning supplies, were provided by the individual fosters and the TCHS. It was essential that these puppies received a high-quality puppy food, to deal with their undernourishment.

As these puppies healed, their beautiful and unique personalities emerged. Each puppy was adopted by exceptional families, who have continued to work with them, helping them to grow into loving companions.

Many Rescues do not accept mange puppies and adult dogs, because of the cost and care required. However, the Tuba City Humane Society continues to accept these mange infected puppies, as funds and foster homes are available. Each of these puppies was treatable and deserving of an opportunity for adoption. The challenge is finding the resources to give puppies and dogs a chance for a happy life.

There are several Rescues in Northern Arizona who accept mange puppies for care and treatment. Donations to these Rescues are always needed to support this care and to continue to save these puppies and dogs.



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Missy-B: The Story of a Mange Puppy

By Amy Yamachi and Paul Snow

In the summer of 2016, our beautiful Collie-mix, Holly, who was our devoted, long time and wonderful companion, passed over the rainbow. We did not realize how her loss would impact us and especially Bubba, our remaining dog. Bubba quit eating ... oh, he would take the occasional treats, but at his age, 14 years, this was not acceptable and very worrisome. Knowing no dog could replace Holly, we still searched for another dog, in hopes that a companion might help Bubba renew an interest in life.

We first saw Missy-B on the Petfinder.com website, and thought "Why, she looks just like a little Bubba," with her black coat and tanned highlights. We immediately contacted the Tuba City Humane Society, and we chatted with Missy's foster for a while before scheduling a meet-up. When we met Missy-B, it was love



Missy-B with Bubba at 7 months

at first sight, which was further enhanced when Missy-B warmly greeted us.

Bubba loved Missy-B and started eating normally again. He was ever patient with Missy-B, tolerating all her puppy activities and enjoying walks with her.

Bubba lived for another three and a half months, after which time we lost him when he suffered a stroke. This devastated us so very much, and had it not been for Missy-B, our critically marred joy for life would not have recovered. There are so many things that Missy-B does which brings such laughter into our home and helps to cushion the loss of Bubba and Holly.

Missy-B was critically ill with severe mange when found in Tuba City by Elward and Dr. Carol Holgate. Their veterinarian skills saved Missy-B from an early demise. The ongoing care provided by the Tuba City Humane Society helped her to miraculously transition into the beautiful, healthy puppy who

is so dearly loved by her Dad and Mom, as well as many other people who followed her story. Although Missy-B started her life under a dark star, her luck has changed and, as the old fairy tales express, she will be living "happily ever after".



Missy in May at 1 year



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