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**FALL** represents the preservation of life and its basic necessities. During this time, animals prepare for the winter by storing food and creating cozy hibernation spaces. Here at the shelter, we hope to provide a cozy space, no matter what time of the year. As our sign out front says, we hope that you will "FALL in love with one of our animals" and help them hibernate permanently in your house.

We are here year round, please come visit soon!



### **Shelter Life**

by Deena Pace, Director

As we prepare for the winter and the holidays, I always like to reflect back on the year winding down and all the

accomplishments we made for the homeless animals during the year. This year, like the previous eleven years, seemed overwhelming at times. We have come so far here at the Humane Society of the White Mountains, yet we still have so much work to do. I don't often ask for anything for myself, but from the time I started here I knew I would ask for anything and everything for these animals - because we are their voice...they need us!

I have heard questions or comments occasionally that ask "we had a successful fundraiser this summer . . . why are we still doing more fundraising?" The answer to that is quite simple. The animals still need us. Some people think we are funded by a national or state organization. We are not. All of our money to keep the animals fed and cared for comes from the DOGhouse. fundraisers, donations and a few grants. We write a lot of grants each year, but our small community is usually overlooked by grantors because we are a small operation in comparison to places like Maricopa County that has a larger population and takes in more animals each year. Just because we are a small shelter in comparison, doesn't mean our homeless animals don't need food and shelter! This is why we ask you to become a member, to buy a raffle ticket, to come spend some money for auction items at Happy Tails, to not attend a ball, to donate for animals that come in needing extensive medical care . . . like Cami, Oscar and Faith. The list goes on and on because this is our reality here at the shelter. Most of the time it seems like for every 5 animals we place, there are 7 at the gate needing shelter and food. So, I will continue to ask for anything and everything. I will always be eternally grateful for all those that give, support, volunteer and help in whatever way you can.

Next year we celebrate our 50 years of being a shelter! We will have an open house on June 20, 2020 here at the shelter to celebrate! More details on this celebration to come in the near future. We frequently reflect on the then and now of the shelter and we are

proud of the accomplishments made from the first day the shelter was opened to where we are today, 50 years later.

So as I started to say at the beginning as I was reflecting on this year, I thought of all the things I'm grateful for in life. I am grateful for my husband and family; I'm grateful for my job that I love and the friends I have found in staff and volunteers. We have formed a family here and the ties run deep. I am so grateful for all the animals that we have and the opportunity to watch heal and find great forever homes. Sometimes I ask myself who is helping who?? I'm happy to call my mom every night and she asks me each time to tell her about my exciting day because she knows that I find it exciting and promising. So next year, let's all continue to work on that hopeful and promising future for our homeless animals.

This holiday season why not consider making a donation in someone's name; purchase a paver in honor of a person or pet you love; give a membership or give your time to the homeless pets here that call the Humane Society of the White Mountains home because for now, it is their home.

Our unofficial mantra is 'it's all for the animals' and we believe they can feel the love and care from every one of our staff and volunteers here while they await their forever home. As the holidays come around, the animals won't know it's a holiday - but they will know they can count on the people here to see to their needs.

For that, I want to thank our dedicated and amazing staff that always goes the extra mile; they continue to give the best of themselves no matter what is going on. This includes all our staff at the DOGhouse, the shelter and the PAWS clinic. I can't start giving out thanks without also thanking all the dedicated volunteers and supporters we have. We cannot do this without you and we hope you know how honored we are that you choose to give your time, energy and consideration to us. What an awesome team we are all together!

So thank you to all our supporters, volunteers and staff. Save the date of August 29th for Happy Tails 2020! May we all enjoy the fall, winter and holiday seasons and reflect on how lucky we are.

Sincerely, **Deena Pace** 

Director, The Humane Society of the White Mountains

#### **Shelter Staff Life**

by Debbie Torbet, Shelter Manager

Working for the Humane Society is more than just playing with puppies and kitties all day. In fact, there is a lot of emotions and hard work involved. We start out our day feeding between 45-60 dogs at 7am. With two people, it takes an hour to get all of the dogs fed. We then begin the cleaning aspect of



day, which entails moving the dogs from their kennels, "stripping" their kennels, taking their bedding, bowls, toys, etc. to be washed and then we clean their kennels by spraying (foaming) the entire kennel down with a cleaning solution, we then scrub the kennel floors, walls, gates etc. to clean the kennel, we then rinse the kennel, squeegee and let dry. We then set the kennel up with a new blanket, toys, bowls, etc. to make the dogs comfortable. And that is just the dog sections.

We still have the cat sections to clean and make sure they are comfortable. We have a free range cat room that has to be cleaned every day. We have 3 other cat areas where the cats are housed in kennels to ensure any contagious diseases are not spread. The litter boxes have to be cleaned, kennels need to be cleaned and sanitized, new food, new water, litter boxes back in and the cats placed back in their kennels.

We still have mountains of dishes and laundry to do. We then make sure each and every dog is walked at least two times a day so they get outside time from their kennel.

Each and every animal gets vaccinations and wormer on intake and we do an intake exam to make sure there are no wounds, broken bones, hair loss, etc. that we will either treat ourselves or make the determination that the animal needs to go to the vet clinic for further examination and treatment.

We do what we call "tours", where staff or a volunteer takes the customer in to see the animals so if the customer has any questions about any animal the staff person or volunteer can answer their questions right away.

And this is on a quiet day . . . if we have anything "major" come in it can throw a wrench in our whole day. Sure we get backed up on the laundry and dishes, we may have to stay a little late - but we know the "major" issues are taken care of before we go home for the day.

We take great pride in making sure our facility is clean and tidy, the animals are very well cared for and most importantly, they know that each and every one of them are loved unconditionally by staff and volunteers.

To say the least, taking care of 100-120 animals at any given time definitely has its challenges, but I am here to tell you the trenches are so worth the rewards. The staff that works these trenches everyday deserves some recognition and they are:

Cally Grimes - Lead Kennel Tech Aziah Munsee - Kennel Tech Amber Santillan - Kennel Tech John Wetch - Kennel Tech P/T Shayla Petersen - Kennel Tech Taylor Falling - Kennel Tech Cassie Peterson - Receptionist/Alternative Placement **Deborah Thompson -** Volunteer Coordinator/ Animal Care Taylor Von Den Stemmen - Receptionist

I want to thank each and every one of you for everything you do for the animals! Keep up the good work!



# **Greetings from The DOGhouse**

by Les Thompson, DOGhouse Manager

#### Fall/Winter 2019/20

What a great summer we had at the DOGhouse and fall is following right along. Our Happy Tails event was very fun and successful and we are already looking forward to next year.

We continue to receive many great treasures through your wonderful donations and we thank you so much! We put out great, clean and complete merchandise every day we are open. Come in and take advantage of our weekly sales and don't forget the first weekend of every month we have a 25% off sale.

I would like to give praise to our outstanding employees and volunteers that make the DOGhouse a success. Including me, we have three full time employees; Jeremy-Warehouse Supervisor, Lynn-Processor/Cashier and Blake-Processor/Cashier. We also have many volunteers that help stock, process donations, and cashier, sew clean donated items and organize shelves. Our staff and volunteers are invaluable to the success of the DOGhouse and I am very grateful for them.

You might have noticed that we completed our new parking lot and now have ample room for parking. The parking lot expansion allowed us to complete a half circle in the back of the building to make driving in and out much more convenient for our donors. Additionally, we have been working very hard this summer with clean up and organization both inside and out. We are going to complete the painting on the outside of the building this fall and then watch for the mural on the side of the parking lot that is coming soon from a talented artist who offered to paint a themed mural for us. We also have a newly designated yearround Christmas area in the barn for those who like to shop early (or late) for Christmas items.

We've had many exciting changes this summer with more coming! Keep up to date with us on Facebook for news and sales at the DOGhouse. Thank you all for your support. Everything we do is for the animals and we can't do it without you!

Donations can be received in back of the <a href="www.facebook.com/The-DOGhouse-">www.facebook.com/The-DOGhouse-</a> store at our receiving door during business hours, Tuesday thru Saturday 10 am to 4:30pm. To schedule a pickup, call us at 928-368-2248

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There are two means of refuge from the miseries of life: music and cats.

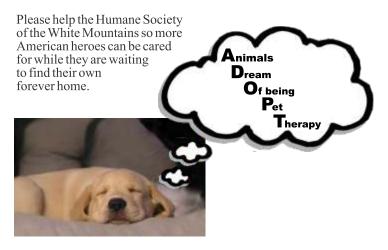
~Albert Schweitzer



# Luke is my Hero . . . Diana Francis

Luke is a small Australian Shepherd I adopted from the Humane Society of the White Mountains that has become my American hero.

I have developed a neurological disorder in my throat. When I talk, I cannot project my voice and at times I have difficulty swallowing. This difficulty in swallowing can cause me to choke. When I am having a choking episode, I need to have someone do the Heimlich maneuver so I can breathe. Through no training or coaching, Luke has developed a technique where he will throw his body in a sideways fashion at my chest during an episode and then I can breathe. I am currently doing speech therapy and when I am making different sounds, Luke always comes to check on me to make sure I am okay.



#### Thank You Volunteers

By Deborah Thompson, Outreach Coordinator

So as you may have noticed, I'm still here in the Outreach Coordinator position and I am loving it! I have met many great people who have come to volunteer at the Shelter, Doghouse, special events and adoption events . . . all volunteering to help the animals!

Fall, winter, spring, summer. Volunteers are needed all times of the year. We have 62 new volunteers so far this year that have helped with the myriad of needs of the Humane Society of the White Mountains, and we gladly welcome more!

July 4th was a very fun day and we had such a great float! Spot was there with his new/returned partner, Petunia the cat. Our canisters were full to the top - people were very giving that day! For that, we are grateful! I'm guessing there were a couple thousand people watching the parade that day - that's a lot of people, it was fun with that big crowd!

The month of August was crazy with preparations for Happy Tails. We had 110 volunteers work a total of 1,563 hours to help make Happy Tails the success it was. Volunteers and staff logged many hours prior to the day of the event, but the real fun began the morning of the event at 7 a.m. where everyone met to load their vehicles with all the merchandise. Following the mass transportation, volunteers and staff worked hard to set up the Orchard at Charlie Clark's in preparation of the 11 a.m. opening. As Happy Tails Chair Terry Bankert said, "It takes a village to run this event" and our village was AWESOME! Attendee's commented that volunteers were happy, smiling, helpful and friendly. You were all great volunteers that helped make Happy Tails 2019 a great success! We couldn't do it without you!

We always need volunteers everywhere, but here are a few areas of particular need:

**Adoption Coordinators:** We attend a minimum of four adoption events in the Phoenix area during the winter, as well as other events in

other cities throughout the year. Additionally, we have dog adoptions at Petsense in Show Low every Saturday of every month of the year. Training to be an adoption coordinator consists of a 2-hour adoption protocol discussion here at our Education building.

Youth Education: This is a newer outreach program we have done a few times and hope to expand. This is a workshop to educate children on approach, handle and care for animals in a safe manner. Safety, Safety, Safety! Several schools and youth programs have gotten in touch with us as they have identified the need to expand children's education. Some of the workshops are held at the schools; more are held in our education building with children with disabilities. Volunteers will help the instructor during the workshop.

**Shelter Assistance:** Because of the seasonal nature of many of our wonderful volunteers, it is always a challenge having enough volunteers in the winter to help walk dogs, socialize the cats, and help with laundry and dishes. The needs of our animals do not change just because the weather has. Any full-timers on the mountain that get cabin fever in the winter please come join us!

**DOGhouse:** Thrift Shop: The DOGhouse is always in need of volunteers to cashier, help process donations and maintain the store. There is an orientation held at the DOGhouse for any volunteers. If you love being around customers, this might be a great fit for you!

Please email me at volunteercoordinator@hswm.org if you are interested in any volunteer opportunity. I do orientation each month as long as I have at least 3-4 applications.

We can't say **THANK YOU** enough to all of our wonderful volunteers and friends of our furry animals. **Happy Holidays!** 







"It came to me that every time I lose a dog they take a piece of my heart with them. And every new dog who comes into my life gifts me with a piece of their heart. If I live long enough, all the components of my heart will be dog, and I will become as generous and loving as they are."

~ Unknown Author

Into your life they come . . . To wonder who chose who? This gift from the animal world to share your everyday, your every year, all your celebrations and your losses. to be more than a pet . . . a soulmate of a fur kind, a four legged child, a constant trusted companion and possibly your greatest of loves, to share a time. to leave on your heart the paw prints of a forever cherished . . . friend. 

# **Shelter Clean-Up**

by Sarah Fox

Running an animal shelter is not just about feeding and housing the animals in our care. It's also about keeping it up with those items that Debbie mentioned in her shelter report...laundry, cleaning kennels, sanitizing etc. Upkeep also includes the outside. We pride ourselves on a safe environment inside and out.

That is why recently, several Board members and volunteers gave up their Sunday morning to cut down weeds, clean up the paths and gutters, and fix the driveway. This helps keep the grounds safe, but also keep a positive community image.

Thanks goes out to all of the volunteers that gave up their time and for our dumpster stomper Starla!

PS...You may also notice a transformation occurring at the DOGhouse. Traci Asbury and Laurie Palazzolo also gave up their Sunday to give the roof a facelift. Stay tuned for more appearance changes!





(Starla Albright and Laura Wetch making sure we have room in the dumpster)

#### Volunteer Spotlight Dennis Azevedo

If you look up the word volunteer on Google, it says "a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task "

I also think they should have a picture of Dennis Azevedo, as he truly epitomizes what volunteerism is all about! Dennis has become quite the "go to guy" for HSWM! This past year alone, Dennis has completely transformed one of the buildings by insulating it, building shelves, fixing outlets and lighting. You name it, he has done it! The "D" building is now a completely functioning kennel area with safety and disease control protocols in place! In addition to that, he has done quite a bit of work at the DOGhouse, fixing things in the barn and kitchen area.

Dennis and his wife Candee moved to the White Mountains in 2014 and have volunteered for HSWM since 2015. You may also know Candee from one of our many events as well. We are lucky to have such great volunteers found under one roof!

For those that do not know Dennis, you may know his work. Dennis is a skilled carpenter as well, and graciously donated benches he built for this year's Happy Tails Auction. If you were there, you may have witnessed one of his benches being given to Mark Sterling and Michelle Carter. This bench was given by the Board of Directors, Krissie Almour, Gayle Basso, Debbie Torbet and Deena Pace, as a THANK YOU for their years of service to Happy Tails. Well deserved and it is a beautifully crafted bench!

We always say it and truly mean it... we cannot do what we do without the great support and work of our volunteers! Dennis Azevedo certainly has saved HSWM A LOT of money and we cannot thank him or Candee enough!



"Dogs, for a reason that can only be described as divine, have the ability to forgive, let go of the past, and live each day joyously. It's something the rest of us strive for."

~Jennifer Skiff, The Divinity of Dogs



# **HUMANE SOCIETY of the WHITE MOUNTAINS**



It has been our privilege to have been a part of such a grand outpouring of support! To our volunteers and for the generosity of so many donors, and to all of the wonderful people who attended this event . . . How can we ever thank you enough?

# Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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JUNE - JULY Critter Camp

JULY 4th of July Parade - Show Low

**AUG.** 29th Happy Tails

**SEPT.** Fall Festival Parade and Pet Sitting

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Purina Kitten Chow
Purina Cat Chow
Cat Toys
Powder Kitten Milk
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