Ride a Hog, Save a D a benefit for HALO Animal Rescue

Animal lovers gathered on Saturday October 21, 2017 for the 'Ride a Hog Save a Dog' fundraiser at Superstition Harley Davidson, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail, Apache Junction. This was a family-friendly benefit for HALO {Helping Animals Live On} Animal Rescue, a no-kill animal shelter.

HALO rescues and re-homes dogs and cats. From their website, "Located in sunny Phoenix, Arizona, HALO Animal Rescue is a safety net for thousands of homeless dogs and cats each year. We are a no-kill facility, which means we never euthanize an animal because we have run out of room, but it also means we are limited in the animals we can take in at any given time."

"After an animal is rescued, HALO makes sure it is vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped, and healthy, and given lots of TLC. Then HALO places each dog and cat in a loving forever home."

Joel Maze was providing music at SHD. Lunch was available, courtesy of Superstition HOG Chapter as they grilled up hot dogs starting at 11am. There was a collection of canines on site to meet and some did go home to new families.

An interesting bit of information available on the HALO website is that adoption fees do not cover the expenses of caring for these animals. To charge the amount it takes to care for an animal until adoption would be prohibitive to the adoption process.

HALO's status as a 501(c)(3)non-profit means it receives no tax or government funding. Donations are critical for the care and upkeep of this shelter. Donations are used to buy bedding, toys, microchips, spay & neuter procedures, vaccinations, medical care, and whatever else the animals need. Cleaning supplies for the shelter and fuel for HALO's transport vehicles are additional expenses that donations help cover. "HALO has more adoptions per year than any other no-kill shelter in Arizona, saving over 8,000 dogs and cats in 2015 with a budget of \$2.8 million." All their good work relies upon the generosity of kind-hearted folks in their community. Also to keep in mind ~ donations to HALO are tax-deductible. Good to know!

There are numerous ways to support HALO:

Fundraising events and 'adopt-a-thons' are listed on their website;

Learn about direct financial donations,

sponsorships & bequests online; Participate in Fry's grocery store 'community rewards' program; Shop online at AmazonSmiles; Donate & deliver goods listed on the HALO Wish List to their location at 3227 E Bell Rd Ste D151, Phoenix 85032;

Shop at the <u>HALO Thrift Store</u>, located at 11649 N Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix.

According to Superstition H-D's Event Coordinator Brina Brown, SHD donated \$1500 to the cause this day. Plus HALO raised over \$1000 in adoptions. The photos below are of some of the dogs & their new families. Yay!

What I've learned about this organization, thanks to this story, indicates a loving, dedicated, well-organized operation. There's much more info that you can learn about HALO via their website. www.halorescue.org/. If you are considering adding a furry friend to your family or are thinking about a charity that you can put your resources behind... please, Please, PLEASE take the time to read up on the HALO no-kill Animal Rescue shelter.

Until later $\sim Betsy$

