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PANDEMIC PUPPIES

Right before the beginning of the Covid 19 shutdowns, we learned of a litter of puppies that needed homes. Normally this would be a known routine for us of taking the puppies to adoption events; then doing home visits with potential adopters. Home visits are done, during normal times, to allow the adopter spend more time with the dog, assess the home for safety, and introduce the puppy to any resident pets. All of a sudden we couldn't do any of these actions to adopt out the puppies. PACA volunteers quickly devised another method for adoptions that were as safe as possible.

To add to the melee, we received seventy (yes 70!) applications on six puppies in two days. Puppies are always popular, but this was a record number of applications. It seems everyone decided the shutdown would be a perfect time to add a dog to the family. PACA decided to meet all pre-approved, potential adopters at a central location, but have the time frames staggered. We had the puppies at the location, along with latex gloves, hand washing supplies, and hand sanitizer. At that time, masks were hard to come by, so we kept everything outside.



The interested adopters came to the central location and chose their puppies in the order their applications were received and approved. Instead of home visits, we required potential adopters to email pictures of their yard and house to assess any escape routes for the puppies. The families brought any resident dogs to the meeting. So far we have adopted out three litters of puppies since Covid-19 began. We have also adopted out a record number of adult dogs. Dog adoption events are just starting again on the first and third Saturdays of each month, but check to make sure!



2020 Was Quite a Year, Wasn't It?

Veterinary care was often a challenge, and there was a period where spay/neuter clinics were required to be closed altogether. However, PACA weathered the COVID-19 pandemic well and had a successful year. We had to think fast and alter our dog adoption methods. We had to cancel our long-running dog adoption events and move to online screenings and meeting our potential adopters individually, outside, with our dogs. And the cat adoption area at PetSmart (Academy/Wyoming) remained open almost the entire year, enabling a lot of adoptions. Thanks to our wonderful PACA volunteers and fosters who kept it running. Our adoption totals for 2020:

Cat Adoptions: 331

Dog Adoptions: 79



Corvus, one of the kittens adopted in 2020

DOG ADOPTION EVENTS ARE BACK!
EVERY FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAY NEXT
TO THE SPROUTS AT 6300 SAN MATEO.



Lobo by Toby

One of PACA's volunteers found an 8 month old, German Shepherd puppy running in and out of traffic on Juan Tabo

Blvd. in the North East Heights around the first week in November of 2020. He was very scared, dehydrated, and looked like he hadn't eaten for a while. He wasn't chipped and wasn't neutered either. Our volunteer decided to be his foster mom and named him Lobo. She kept him for 3 months, training him and helping him to trust humans again. He fell in love with her dog pack and also learned that it was okay to be a puppy and be goofy like them. Once he was neutered, his photo and profile went up on our PACA site. We found an excellent family for him. They had lost their male German Shepherd around Christmas, and wanted another dog. Once Lobo met their female dog they instantly fell in love and he was placed with his new forever family.



Operation Chihuahua

PACA had the opportunity to help with a large amount of Chihuahuas that were left homeless after their owner died. In total there were 46 dogs, mostly Chihuahuas, with a few other small breed dogs mixed in. The dogs were being kept at a boarding facility until homes or rescue could be found. Unfortunately the previous owner had not predicted her dying, and had not paid for the Chihuahua's boarding expenses of food, medical care, and lost income for the kennel spots that were used for the Chihuahuas. Several other organizations, plus PACA, stepped up to help the dogs find homes. Since most of the dogs were older, many required medical care and dentals, which can cost around \$1200 per dog. PACA took seven of the dogs requiring the most medical care, and one younger dog. Since we are a foster-based rescue, the dogs can receive in-home, highly attentive care after recovering from medical treatments.



Luckily, KOB news caught wind of Operation Chihuahua and Megan Abundis reported on the story. The story asked for donations and foster homes. The outpouring of support and donations was amazing. PACA donated money to the boarding facility, to assist in their expenses, and the rest will go to medical care for the dogs.

All the dogs received senior check ups. Only three dogs ended up needing dentals. But most of the dogs have significant heart murmurs, which required additional testing. A few of the Chihuahuas need medication and one may need a knee surgery. Hank is the oldest and has required the most medical care. (See Featured Creature article)

We had a number of fabulous, caring people step up to foster or adopt the Chihuahuas. All of the dogs have improved being in loving homes and receiving medical care. All but two dogs have been adopted to date. Stanley is a most adorable friendly Chihuahua that likes other small dogs and still looking for his forever home. Sugar aka Foxy is a beautiful long haired Chihuahua/Italian Greyhound mix that needs to build her confidence. She likes other dogs and needs a quiet patient home.



HOARDER BUST RESULTS IN PACA DOGS

PACA volunteer and dog trainer, Julie Hart, received a call about a hoarding case in San Miguel County in March of 2019. The Animal Welfare Coalition (AWC) had seized 32 dogs from a property in Ilfeld, NM. This person had another property with 63 dogs on it in Rowe; a total of 95 dogs in all. Julie was told these dogs were the most damaged dogs AWC had ever seen. Julie went to evaluate the dogs and verified they were indeed quite damaged from the hoarding situation or feral. There were five juvenile puppies that were completely feral, likely never touched by humans. The adults ranged from slightly fearful to feral. Things looked grim for these dogs at first. The large number and severe fearfulness was overwhelming for the AWC. AWC could not adopt out the dogs because the hoarder would not release custody and the judge wouldn't make her.



After meeting these dogs, Julie kept going to AWC to rehabilitate them. Even though Julie had rehabilitated fearful dogs for 10 years, many Ilfeld dogs were more severe than her previous cases. Many of the dogs learned to want human interaction and walk on leash, but others were much more difficult. Julie organized training for herself and the shelter staff with Nelson Hodges, an experienced feral dog rehabilitator. The training workshop was a great success, attracting dog trainers from all over the USA. Julie learned how to help the more difficult dogs and went to work.

By the time the hoarder released custody of the dogs in September 2019, all the dogs could be walked on leash and associate

with people. PACA welcomed seven dogs from this hoarding case into the rescue. Julie organized transport of five other dogs to the East Coast for further rehab and adoption. PACA foster parents continued rehabilitating the PACA dogs until they were ready for adoption. Each of the Ilfeld and Rowe dogs has found their special person and home. These adopters are special people. They have patience and understand the dogs need guidance, but not pity, to continue to grow. Working with fearful dogs is very rewarding and there is always a need for fearful dog adopters in New Mexico. Julie ended up keeping one of the dogs named Hawkeye. He is happy living in her home with her three other dogs. PACA appreciates all the dedicated foster families and the adopters that made this hoarding case have a happy ending



Capone

By Jennifer

Capone, named after Al Capone...the master of prison breaks, is my favorite rescue story. PACA rescued Capone in October 2019, he wasn't even one of the original dogs to tag for rescue but the shelter worker said "what about this guy?" Next scene Capone was on his way to my house. When he arrived he was TERRIFIED, wouldn't come out of the travel kennel and was shaking with fear. We all knew right away this poor boy went through something. He was so skinny, at least 20lbs

underweight but BEAUTIFUL!! When he finally went into my house (after hours of coaxing) he saw the comfy dog bed, laid down and for the next week only got up to eat and go potty. I sat on the floor with him during his first night and he let me pet him. He even wagged his tail, you could tell he wanted to love humans.

Feeding him was a challenge, he would follow me outside while I carried the dog bowl but would run away in fear when I put it down. I had to walk away before he felt comfortable enough to go over to the bowl and eat. Over the next few months Capone battled kennel cough, giardia, ringworm, and being neutered. He was a champ through it all. Despite all his illnesses he continued to gain faith and trust in me. He finally ventured out of the kitchen and found my couch, way more comfortable than the dog bed. He would snuggle when I sat on the couch with him. His personality was so goofy!! When it was time to eat but he started to do this playful sideways jump and bark as if to say "YIPPIE!!! I LOVE NOM NOMS!!!" This was not the same dog who showed up a few months ago.

PACA and I agreed we were going to be VERY picky with any potential adopters. They had to be PERFECT. Then along came Tay and her sweet pup Luna. IT....WAS....LOVE!! Capone met other potential adopters but when Tay walked in he looked at her as if to say "there you are!! I've been looking for you." I just knew he found his person and he knew it too.

Capone went from being terrified of the harness to going on hikes while wearing one. He went from being terrified of my car (I had to carry him) to jumping into Tay's car no problem. He went from a skinny 41lbs to a chunky little monkey. Capone is living his best puppy life, the life he almost didn't get the chance to live.

My heart broke a little when Capone left because his transformation was remarkable to me. I was so worried he would miss the comfort of my home, me, his pack but, nope!! I met up with Tay, Luna, and Capone about two weeks after she adopted him and in my head. He saw me, gave me the obligatory sniff, barked, and walked over to his momma. He'd forgotten about me and his life before Tay and that is EXACTLY what I wanted. Capone is a dog I wish I could sit down with, have coffee and say "sooo, what happened to you?" However, seeing how happy he is now, seeing his happy ever after, it's clear the past is forgotten.



Happy Tails

These two kittens were adopted to an amazing couple in California. His mom saw the kittens when they were newborns as they were born in a friend's backyard fountain. They have the life of luxury for sure.



Shadow's made such a huge impact on my life, I'm very grateful and overjoyed that I got to adopt her! - Thank you



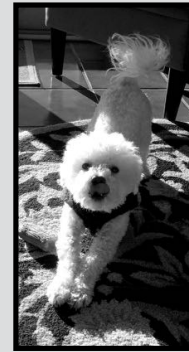
He's really just the best boy! He loves Jeep rides, all his walkies, and when he talks it's hilarious like he's really telling you all about his day and that he wants to play. Lol I'm so happy to have him! He's definitely our baby!



The arrival of Cypress during the pandemic of COVID-19 changed my world for the better. Unconditional love from a dog is a true blessing. At first she was shy and timid (particularly around men). Within our first month together, Cypress became much more outgoing and playful with everyone. She is especially fond of other dogs. She is very smart, a quick learner, and because she is so agile, she will soon be attending agility training classes. She loves long walks to the park, the Bosque, hiking, toys, long naps and tummy rubs. Cyoress is the highlight of my life and I can definitely say she rescued me!



Thank you for sending Vince's paperwork. We absolutely love him and he is a perfect fit for our family. He loves snow, going for walks and playing with his human brothers. He hates a crate...to the point where I was terrified he would break his teeth trying to get out. So needless to say, he's only been in it 3 times in the past 6 weeks and I think we are done with it. He does great at night sleeping in our bedroom. And so far, he has been a super good boy when we leave the house and he isn't crated (knock on wood!) The true test will be Wednesday when I will have to leave for 3 hours...that will be the longest he's been alone. Vince is so smart... he learned how to shake and lay down in one day. He will basically do anything for a treat! Again, thank you so much for allowing an out of state adoption. I know it wasn't the norm for you. We knew Vince was the one for us when we saw him, so thanks for making that happen!



I wanted to write and thank you for the wonderful kitten we adopted that has become such a wonderful member of our family. We adopted "Perseus" (we have renamed him Marmalade) on January 17th after the sudden passing of our female cat Sassy from a stroke on Christmas Day. Marmalade has helped all of our hearts heal and bring joy back to our home and really bring new life to our older male cat who had become a little depressed with our other cats passing. Marmalade is very happy social and loves sleeping in bed at night with our son or my husband and myself, and loves playing with our other cat and lounging on the cats new huge kitty condo we're he seems to feel like king of our castle! I have attached some update pictures of him. We again can't thank you enough for all the good works you do for the animals of our state and for our wonderful kitten!



Seeing Outdoor Cats? We can help!

Email us at pacacats@aol.com or call **255-0544**. We will trap them, spay/neuter them, and return them back to their neighborhood. It's the humane way to care for our outdoor cats.

**Visit Our Website
www.nmpaca.org**

You can see our adoptable pets, read past newsletters, make donations, and keep up with our TNR activities on the PACA website. See what PACA is doing to help New Mexico's homeless dogs and cats, and provides an easy way to make an online donation.

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www.facebook.com/PACAdogs.

Come see what's new with PACA and our animals!

Power Giving: The United Way
Many employers match their employees' gifts to the United Way. This makes a gift to the United Way a Power Gift! So next time your employer runs a United Way campaign, choose PACA/AAR. Help PACA/AAR by Matching donations with your employer.

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Here are a few employers that have matched donations dollar for dollar to help PACA/AAR: *Microsoft, Verizon LPL, ITW, Hewlett-Packard, Bank of America (cybergrants), and Roll Giving.*

Does your employer have a community program to help nonprofits? Help homeless animals by checking today!

PACA Amazon Wish List

If you prefer to give supplies, we have created a Wish List on Amazon. To access, please go to www.nmpaca.org, Donate Supplies, click on Amazon Smile Wish List Link.

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Kudos to Sophie

We recently received a \$200 donation in the mail. The attached note read: "Want to acknowledge Sophie, your volunteer at PetSmart, who was wonderful."



The couple that sent the donation adopted two of Sophie's foster kittens, Melvin and Marvin, back in July. Thank you, Sophie!

Virtual Learning at Albuquerque Academy

PACA gets the opportunity to visit classrooms to educate children about our organization and responsible pet ownership. This year our volunteer Julie Hart met virtually with an Albuquerque Academy art class twice to share about PACA's mission. Julie is also an artist, so she could explain her thought process on creating her art with the class. The class sent a nice thank you, plus made a mock promotional for PACA.

I enjoyed learning about all the interesting ways PACA supports pets in our community. Thank you for the walking with us!
-Dawn Johnson

Thank you for coming to visit us, I liked see your dogs!
Sophia G

Thank you so much for teaching us about your nonprofit and informing us more on what PACA does.
-Harper

Thank you for spending your time advocating to us about your organization and how people can help -Kertal

Thank you for taking the time to come and teach us about your non profit. I would like to learn more about what Paca does.



Thank you for teaching us about PACA. Angie B.

Thank you so much for visiting! It was very interesting to hear about your organization!

Thank you for visiting and teaching us about how you can help dogs with PACA. Alex-Adria D.

Thank you for taking time out of your day to teach us about PACA. Lucas T

Save a Life

PACA (People's Anti-Cruelty Association)
www.nmpaca.org

Mission Statement:
PACA rescues abused and abandoned dogs and cats from Albuquerque and its surrounding communities. PACA's goal is to place the animals in loving, permanent homes after being spayed/neutered and receiving other medical treatment.

PACA spay/neuters every animal along medical care and behavioral training to help pets be adopted. They place the animals in foster homes to be cared for until they are adopted by a good family.



This is important because...

- 1. PACA helps find better and healthier solutions to animal overpopulation. The current solution is killing off healthy and perfectly fine cats and dogs when they could find a suitable home to stay in.
- 2. PACA successfully help the animals as well because some arrive suffering from severe degenerative illness or injuries that permanently compromise the animals quality of life.



How to help or get involved:
To address this issue you can volunteer to foster/adopt a dog or cat!

Featured Creature



Hank, the Little Chihuahua That Could

Hank's spirit to get well and live his life to the fullest is an inspiration. Hank came to PACA through Operation Chihuahua when PACA took eight needy Chihuahuas from a hoarding case. When PACA got Hank he was not feeling great. His age could range from 10 to 15 years. The vet did a few tests and it appeared Hank had a rectal hernia, an enlarged heart, a heart murmur, and needed a dental. In addition, Hank had damage to his ears and holes from his mouth into his sinuses from rotted, missing teeth, making it difficult to eat and drink.

With older dogs with heart issues, surgery and dentals pose a risk and PACA weighed the risk versus reward for Hank. Hank's digestive issues improved when a glob of something in his digestive system was cleared. Hank still has the hernia, but the protrusion around Hank's rear end decreased and he is much happier. (a lot of rescuing dogs and getting them healthy revolves around gut health and poop!)



Hank's personality has revealed itself too. Hank always loved human cuddles. He would bounce into the air when he wanted to be picked up. True to Chihuahua style, he would snap and let his new foster family's dogs know he wanted his space. After Hank's health improved, so did his tolerance of the other dogs. He was recently seen sharing a dog bed with them during a nap.

Hank's foster parents, Sara and



Rick, have showered Hank with care. Hank receives loving, attentive monitoring of his health status. Hank's ears have healed and he gets fancy food he can easily eat. The foster parents took Hank along for the ride to Santa Fe vet Dr. Kelly, an oncologist, when their other dog needed medical care. Lucky for Hank, Dr. Kelly took a liking to him and squeezed him in for treatment of a urinary tract infection. (Thanks Dr. Kelly) Hank visited me on the way home from the vet. He was super-energetic and walking around with pep in his step. He had gained half a pound, which is a lot for a four-pound dog. He was happy to go to his foster family for pets and was obviously feeling better. Hank loves cuddles and attention from his foster parents. This is one of the best parts of dog rescue - being able to facilitate an old dog living his life out in caring hands.

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FIX THE 505! UPDATE

There were 313 cats spayed or neutered year to date. This includes feral cats, Moriarty shelter cats, and adopted cats.

98 dogs were spayed or neutered year to date at our participating vets.



Adoption Applications

DOGS

PACA is a foster based rescue that offers adoption events and private meetings with potential adopters. We have adoption events on the south side parking lot of Sprouts Market, 6300 San Mateo Dr NE, every first and third Saturdays, weather and staff permitting.

If you are interested in one of our dogs, please fill out an application. This application helps us get to know your family better so we can find the perfect match for you. Application are found here:

http://nmpaca.org/images/pdf_files/PACA_Adoption_Application.pdf

Please email completed applications to pacadogs@aol.com

All our animals are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, micro chipped and tested for tick-borne illness and heart worm prior to adoption. Our fee is \$175.

CATS

PACA cats are at PetSmart (Academy/Wyoming) **7 days a week**. We have PACA volunteers at PetSmart every day with morning and evening hours, and all day on weekends. See our website at www.nmpaca.org for our current schedule.

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PEOPLE'S ANTI-CRUELTY ASSOCIATION/ALBUQUERQUE ANIMAL RESCUE (PACA/AAR),

a No-Kill rescue group, was founded in 1973. Our main mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehouse homeless dogs and cats. PACA has no shelter facility and relies on an organized network of foster parents who graciously take animals into their homes and hearts until permanent homes are found.

RESCUE: No-Kill means that healthy, adoptable animals are not destroyed because they are homeless or to make room for another animal. The Care-For-Life concept allows PACA to offer an alternative program for homeless, abandoned, sick, and injured animals. The number of animals we can assist depends on the foster care and financial resources available.

REHABILITATE: PACA devotes resources to correct an animal's health or behavioral problems.

REHOUSE: Care-For-Life rescue requires short and long term temporary housing for animals. This is best met by foster caregivers, not traditional kennel facilities. Foster families are asked to provide transportation to adoption clinics as much as they are able.

SPAY/NEUTER: PACA operates and funds programs to provide spay/neuter in the community, and we trap feral cats for the Trap-Neuter-Return program. We have already had significant success in preventing cat and dog population growth in Albuquerque.

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