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CAT HELPS YOUNG BOY SLEEP

by Samantha, Adopter



We went to the PetSmart at Academy and Wyoming Friday, June 4th, not knowing our lives would change forever. We usually start our shopping at PetSmart by looking at the kittens before grabbing our dog food, and checking out. My husband noticed right away the interaction between Odessa (now Rosie) and one of our twin sons. He sent me the video of the two interacting through the glass and I knew there was something special about her. We had just lost our two cats we had for over 15 years and weren't looking to add a new member to the family just yet. However, I could tell that if we didn't act fast, she would be adopted right away because of her spunky personality. PACA made the adoption as smooth as possible and made sure she was going to be the right fit for our family. The first night we brought her home, she slept in my oldest son's room. My oldest son is 5 and has autism. He always had problems sleeping through the night and would wake up multiple times during the night. After adopting Odessa, he now sleeps through the night more times than I can count. She is so sweet and calm around him and they have really formed the sweetest bond. My oldest son named her Rosie and I cannot tell you how much she is loved in our family. She is surrounded by three little boys who absolutely adores her.



FIX THE 5❀5! UPDATE

There were 600 cats spayed or neutered year to date. This includes feral cats, Moriarty shelter cats, and adopted cats. 151 dogs were spayed or neutered year to date at our participating vets. There were also 273 cat adoptions and 51 dog adoptions!

Tunnel Canyon Trio of Kittens

By Jack Dunn



On a hot Friday at the tail-end of summer, my partner and I had just delivered our foster kittens & proud socialized mama cat back to PACA's pre-adoption home at PetSmart. We were planning on taking a short break from fostering to catch-up on some appointments. But apparently, the universe had other ideas.

My partner had taken our dog for a walk by Tunnel Canyon. They were almost back to the car, by the side of the road on the soft shoulder, when they heard tiny insistent squawking from the brush. Before they (or the very excited dog) had time to react, two very small, loud, silver tabby kittens had swarmed across the gravel shoulder and literally climbed up them. The text from my partner said, "So you know how we were taking a break from fostering?" A photo of two kittens attached to their hoodie, like little indignant burrs, hitching a ride home accompanied the text.

We set the two kittens up with some wet food and water (consumed at the speed of light) to make-up for the hot summer day they'd spent roadside, as my partner related the story of the third kitten they'd seen lurking in the underbrush. So once the two siblings were all set up and cozy, we jumped back in the car with a bag of cat crunchies and a flashlight to lure the third kitten and, we hoped due to how small the kittens were, maybe their dam, too.

Luckily, we were successful and managed to scoop up the third kitten. She was the smallest of the three, fitting readily into the palm of one hand. Her little blue eyes had a constant almost 'Eeyore-esque' expression of reproof. There was no sign of mama cat. Given the total fearlessness of the kittens and

their odd location right on the exposed soft-shoulder of the highway, we suspected they'd been dumped there rather than born feral. We messaged PACA about our surprise feline bounty, and they generously agreed to sponsor the little ones for their shots & spays. The trio were all very similar variations of silver tabby. The first kitten we named "Marco" after the game Marco-Polo, because she was the first to come tearing out the underbrush at my partner meowing so loudly to catch their attention. The second was Juniper, for the scraggly fragrant roadside bush she came out from under. And the third was Orion, since we had to double-back to retrieve her that evening, under a lovely clear New Mexico sky.

The following morning, we gave the ragamuffins a more thorough once-over. All three were tiny, skin-and-bones, still blue-eyed, but old enough to have teeth, and in good spirits. Two of the three kittens had injuries. Juniper had a small, but deep, infected puncture wound by her hip, perhaps from a bite. Orion couldn't put any weight on her back leg. But the kittens were friendly and cuddly. Juniper curling up in my lap almost as small as a baby squirrel, purring, and Marco merrily rubbing round my legs.

Thankfully, PACA was able to squeeze our bedraggled duo in to see a vet first thing the following morning. The vet's verdict was overwhelmingly positive. Juniper was given antibiotics and wound care instructions. Orion's leg was confirmed broken, but cleanly, and already knitting back together, so she was prescribed only bed-rest.

Fast forward a month or so, the Tunnel Canyon kittens have healed and grown up beautifully. Even though they look similar, their big personalities easily let you know who's who. Marco is still a sucker for attention, and especially loves butt-scratches. Juniper is a tiny, bright-eyed, fearless adventurer, thoroughly conquering all the toys in the play room. Orion, who did not believe in the offensive concept of 'bed rest', is now energetically back to ambushing her sisters from behind cardboard boxes.

Despite the surprise timeline, as the three sisters are now big enough for adoption, I can't help but smile at the pleasure of being a temporary family for this tough, fearless, irresistible trio of kittens. I can't see them spending long at PetSmart's adoption center before they're snatched up by some lucky families, to bring some indomitable tabby sparkle and spirit to someone's winter.

THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON TNR AND VET CARE

By Linda Bickelman

In March 2020 the whole world came to a standstill. A life-threatening pandemic arrived and for the next three months we were told to shelter in place, wear masks, and social distance. All businesses including animal shelters and veterinary clinics were shuttered.

Spay and neuter programs have played a pivotal role in keeping the stray animal population at bay. For months the rescue groups who would normally trap, neuter and return (TNR) ceased entirely, thus the feral population continued to procreate. Along with over population of feral cats also comes disease such as ringworm or panleukopenia when the colonies get too big. The shelters and clinics got overwhelmed and beyond capacity from all of the stray animals brought in to them.

"The biggest pandemic problem by far was the unavailability of spay/neuter surgery slots," said Jill Kleven, Director of PACA rescue who focuses on TNR. "During the early months of the pandemic, spay/neuter clinics were considered "Non-Essential" and were completely closed. When we received TNR requests, we had to tell people we could do nothing for them, and we helplessly watched as cats (and dogs) became pregnant and had litters. When spay/neuter surgeries were finally allowed to resume they were still in very short supply. Even now there are not enough surgery slots to allow us to do as much TNR as we would like."

Looking on the bright side, PACA has a program that covers spay/neuter surgeries for dogs and cats being adopted from the Moriarty shelter that has been able to continue, thanks to partnership with Western Trails Veterinary Hospital in Edgewood. We pay for an average of 30 spay/neuters of newly adopted pets every month.

Pet adoption between March 2020 and March 2021 increased over 70%. Families forced to stay home decided they had time and interest in bringing home a new animal. But during most of this time veterinarians were only doing life threatening surgeries, if they had staff and if they remained open. Now that the restrictions have been lifted the veterinary clinics are starting to play catchup to pet cats and dogs. Unfortunately, this is leaving feral cats to continue to multiply.

On the dog side, PACA has had to limit dog adoptions due to longer spay/neuter wait times. We fully vet our dogs before they are officially adopted. A routine appointment, which used to be a few days wait, can take three weeks now, with a spay/neuter appointment taking up to three months wait. We used to keep dogs in foster homes until they were spayed or neutered, but now, we are doing more foster to adopt agreements. This allows a dog to go to its forever home before vetting, but not officially adopted until after the spay/neuter is complete with one of our partner vets.

People working from home became more aware of their pet's health. They found appointments could not be scheduled quickly due to lack of staff and social distancing protocols. Banfield, one of the largest National Vet Care providers had over 500,000 more vet visits than in 2020. Current vet care has had to adjust to the "new normal" of curbside appointments while waiting in the car, drop off services and online pharmacies. One thing is certain, pets are now part of the family and their health care has become a physical, emotional and financial priority.

Figaro and Juniper's Adoption Story

By Christian and Alexandra



We adopted two wonderful kittens from PACA this last September. For several months we had been trying to adopt and found that this is easier said than done. At local shelters there was such high demand for adoptions that it was next to impossible to schedule an appointment to even visit any of the animals. Additionally, we knew we did not want to go through a breeder, which fortunately led us to PACA.

The adoption process was very smooth while at the same time being professional, knowing we were working with an accredited organization. Both cats were well taken care of in their foster home and received all the necessary veterinarian care prior to adoption. Given the adoption took place in the middle of quarantine, PACA was very accommodating in sending pictures, updates, and walking us through the process remotely. In the end we couldn't be happier with the two adopted kittens and are grateful for the work PACA is doing.

cuties here, were living under a shed and we didn't even know they were there until they got hungry enough with their mamas gone to start coming out. All 39 adults got spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and then released back onto their street. Now they can continue to live in the neighborhood they call home, but they won't have any more kittens! The kittens we caught are young enough to tame up, so they are in foster homes and will be adopted out once they're big enough to fix.



QUICK DOG TRAINING TIP

Does your dog barking at other dogs embarrass you? Want walks to be more peaceful? Many people struggle with their dogs barking at other dogs or approaching people on walks. Most dog reactivity is rooted in fear or the dog being given the job of guarding the person by the human, albeit inadvertently. With dogs, whoever is in front is responsible for guarding and protecting. So, when you see a dog approaching or stop to talk to your neighbor, put your dog behind you or beside you and on the opposite side of the other dog or person and hold the leash short so your dog cannot get in front of you. You may need to put a leg slightly in front of your dog to tell them, "I've got this. You don't need to worry." Also, movement typically dissipates reactivity, so try to keep moving past with confidence and conviction. If you stop and try to soothe your dog, your dog is likely building in energy while holding a sit. This may not totally fix the issue, but it can help make it better. (with severe behavior please consult a professional). Remember the phrase "Always Behind, Never in Front."



Trap Job Kittens

By Susan Carolus

Here is a picture of some of the kittens we trapped from one of our more recent (and larger) trap jobs, right off of San Mateo in Albuquerque. Over the course of 3 days we trapped 50 cats--39 adults and 11 kittens. Most of the kittens, like these

WE NEED YOU!

Like dogs or cats and want to help them?
Volunteers and Supplies Needed



Cats/Kittens

VOLUNTEERS

for 2 hour shifts at our kitty clinic at PetsMart on 8070 Academy Rd NE. Duties include caring for the cats and kittens by cleaning up their condos, feeding, and playing with them. Volunteers also interview and educate our potential adopters to ensure the best possible match for both adopter and kitten/cat. We offer training for our volunteers on the adoption process.

CAT SUPPLIES

As you are out shopping please keep us in mind if you see cat or dog toys on clearance such as ball chasing activity sets, squeaky toys, string toys, rope toys, scratching pads or boxes, kitten food, treats, etc. You can drop them off at PetSmart at 8070 Academy Rd. NE



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To find out how you can donate to PACA, go to nmpaca.org and click on Donate.



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paintings by Julie Hart



Happy Tails 🐾

My name is **Betelgeuse**, I was adopted on July 16, 2021 at PetSmart through PACA. I was originally named Antonita through the rescue program. My mom and dad are Mark and Celia. I have a very playful personality, and I understand a lot of words! Even though I look like a little grey raincloud, I always bring sunshine and happiness to my parents. I love going to the park, chasing pom-poms, being held like a baby, and taking long cat naps. Thank you for finding me a good home!



Ezzie and Kylo are mother and son adopted to the same family and enjoy snuggling together.

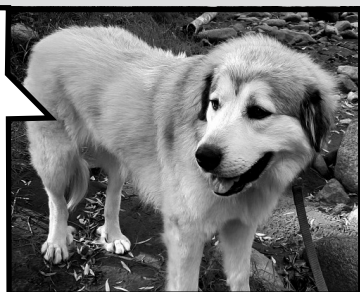


Riley (formerly known as Ninka) has been with us for about a year now so I wanted to send along an update and some photos. She is so playful and loves to cuddle with all of us. She also loves road trips, hiking, and swimming. Over the last year, she's traveled to Colorado, Arizona, and to some of our favorite spots around New Mexico like White Sands and Elephant Butte Lake. We recently celebrated her 'birthday' with some special treats and a nice run through the Bosque. We love her so much and she has been the perfect addition to our family!



Turnip is doing great and getting along good with his new cat sibling.

Maggie, the newest member of our family is absolutely amazing! We recently lost our Great Pyrenees and she is a much needed and welcomed pleasure. Dealing with PACA was easy and pleasant throughout the entire process. We are thankful that they rescued this wonderful creature and we are blessed that she is ours!



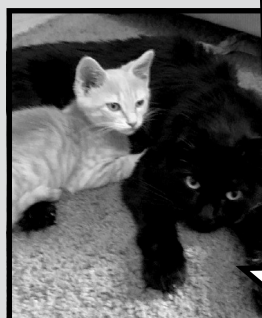
Nelson has enjoyed meeting doggie friends and his adopter says he is very smart. Nelson is the shepherd type dog.



Neville was adopted to a family and will accompany his dad on work trips.



Oreo and Hermione. They play a lot and are normal kittens doing well overall.



Emil now **Pumpkin.** It's going really good. He's getting along with the other cat really well. At first, he wanted to be the Alpha and was sort of bullying the older cat but now he is chill with him.

Pat and Kim. They were adopted from PACA in December 2015 when they were approximately 6 months old known then as Desiree and Meriam and Jill was the PACA adoption counselor; they are spoiled and very happy thanks and happy holidays!
- Ricky and Bob in Placitas



Willow didn't like her costume. She has brought me so much happiness and joy. Thank you PACA!



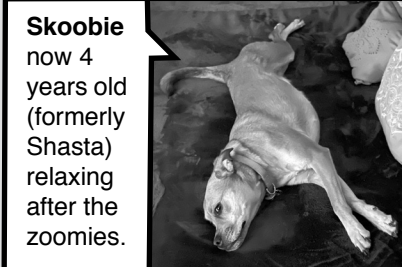
Lucy Cat. A real great kitten. Growing and is a lot of fun. Loves the daughter who is her primary caretaker. Playful and super sweet. Loves to snuggle. She's the perfect cat.



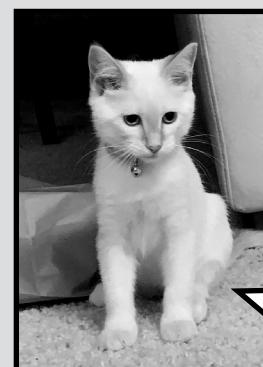
Tessa and Tammy, from the hoarding case Operation Chihuahua, are living the good life in Jan's home.



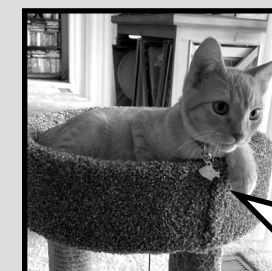
Austin, adopted March 2019, survived a rattlesnake bite. We are very happy Austin is doing well.



Skobie now 4 years old (formerly Shasta) relaxing after the zoomies.



Miwa cat. She's so great! She's getting along with my other cat. They are Best Friends. I love her so much. Her new name means "sugar" or "peace child".



Drew now Willow. He's doing really good. He's really chunky. He wants to cuddle a lot and plays with his kitty sibling Kya.

Alex was found as a 7-week-old puppy wandering around the Rez near Bloomfield. A volunteer met with Alex's finders to get her, and fostered Alex for two months. PACA's volunteer could have adopted Alex out sooner, but she was enjoying fostering her; helping her become the great puppy she was. A volunteer's friend's parents wanted a dog, and would be a fabulous home for Alex, but they were in North Carolina. Getting a dog across the country would take some logistics. Luckily the PACA volunteer and her friend, also a dog rescuer, could meet in Texas. From there Alex would hitch a ride back to her east coast home. Alex is now a beloved pet and lives with her older, dog sister Charlie. Her new family adores her and they say "Every day is a joy! She is smart and very sweet." Her aunt says, "Charlie is doing wonderful with Alex and is even trying to play with her. Alex is also a calming influence when new people come around. When Alex meets the new people and "says" that they are "ok" then Charlie is much more relaxed."



Onix is king of the house. Gets along with other cats in the household. Goes psycho when playing with the laser in the morning then calms down in the evenings to a cuddlebug



We adopted our sweet and crazy **Effie** in Spring of 2014. We love her dearly!



PACA is happy to receive updates about **Seal**, the pit bull with the injured spine. We are constantly reminded of the good in this world by all our wonderful adoptive families, including Seal's family.

Dietrich (Deedee) likes to spend time on our hi-fi when it is on, because she likes the warmth. We have a cloth over it to protect the hi-fi vents from cat fur and other stuff in the air. Deedee is 12 years old as of last March, and plays like a kitten.



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

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Paige (the dog with her heart on the outside)

By Toby from the dog's point of view

You wouldn't know I could be this pretty back in 2015. One of PACA's volunteers found me at the Albuquerque shelters in 2015, when I was about one year old. Something bad happened to me because I'm missing one of my ears. Most of my fur was gone because I had really bad mange. If that wasn't enough, I had been hit by a car and had to hop on 3 legs because it was very painful to put any weight on my right hind leg. My foster mom was one of the doctors at TLC, which is the animal hospital that PACA uses. PACA decided to pay for a very expensive hip surgery so I could walk properly again. After the surgery, I went to live with another PACA volunteer and her dog named Bear and she became my new foster mom. She and I began to work



together and after 2 months I could walk again pain free. My mange cleared up, and if I do say so myself, once my fur grew back, I became a beautiful dog. In fact, one of my brown spots is in the shape of a brown heart. When children want to pet me they always notice my heart, on the outside, and said I must love everyone!

I learned how to be a carefree puppy and also learned how to trust people and other dogs again. It felt good to run and jump again. When my foster mom would bring me to our PACA adoption site on Saturdays I loved meeting new people who were interested in wanting to adopt me. And when people heard my story they donated money to help give PACA back some of the money they had to use to pay for my hip surgery. My foster mom decided to keep me and I'm glad she did because I love her and my new life with Bear who is now my new buddy in crime...tee hee.



Featured Creature



DD Domingo and her Path to Recovery

A vet tech was driving up I-25 towards Santa Fe and saw a dog get hit by a car. She pulled over and saw an unconscious dog bleeding. She didn't know what the dog's future held. It didn't look good, but she immediately put the dog in her car and drove back to the Animal Neurology and Imaging Center where she had just finished work. During the drive, the dog started to move around. At the clinic, they did x-rays and found bleeding of the brain and a

few bullets in the dog from an unrelated incident. The clinic named the dog DD, and PACA added the Domingo part since she was found near the Santa Domingo Pueblo.

DD Domingo rested while her brain recovered. She was considered feral and the vet staff started reaching out to rescues to help DD. Once cleared medically, a PACA volunteer went out to meet DD. She was trying to hide with her head in the corner. The volunteer taught her how to walk on a leash. She liked being petted and there was a chance DD could turn into a pet dog with some special needs. She still has a head tilt from her head trauma, but it is expected to subside. It makes her unique.

Luckily an experienced foster family had returned from summer vacation and agreed to take DD. She has been learning to sleep in a crate and how to be



a pet dog. She quickly learned about couch comfort. Recently DD went on a walk around the neighborhood with another dog and has started playing with the other dogs in the foster home. DD will need a patient home with another dog, but she will continue to improve. PACA takes on a couple special rehabilitation cases like DD every year because there are many dogs like her in New Mexico that are worth the extra effort. PACA has a trainer that specializes in fearful and feral dogs. DD is about 38 pounds of mixed herding breeds. Check back to learn more about DD's progress, or check our website under Dog Adoptions to see her adoption listing.



If you are interested in helping fearful or feral dogs rehabilitate, PACA offers free training. Please inquire!

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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.

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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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