

A NEW LEASH ON LIFE

PEOPLE'S ANTI-CRUELTY ASSOCIATION ALBUQUERQUE ANIMAL RESCUE

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Fire Dogs



Maddie, 8 yr old, F, Shih Tzu X, all around fantastic dog (adopted)



Vienna, 2 yrs old, F, Boxer/pit bull X, gaining confidence quickly, adores and follows people



Ivy, 1yr old, F, Chihauhua, 6 lbs, loves to snuggle and go on adventures (adopted)

PACA has had a collaboration with the Animal Welfare Coalition (AWC) in Las Vegas, New Mexico for several years. So, when PACA learned the AWC's shelter would have to evacuate due to wildfires, we did what we could to help. PACA dog's foster parents rallied and agreed to take in 7 dogs. PACA is small in size, but big in cooperation. The foster coordinator was out of town, and selected the dogs to be transferred to PACA from afar. She had already met several of the dogs during trips to the AWC. The PACA volunteers agreed to make time to meet the transport van from AWC in the middle of a work day. The volunteers took their foster dogs home and got the dogs settled in. The dogs were coming from a stressful situation, but they have all adjusted to being in their foster homes. A few dogs needed a little work on building confidence and adjusting to pet life. Other dogs had no problem enjoying the comforts of a home right away. These dogs are all available for adoption at time of printing, except those noted below. Thank you to all the volunteers that opened their homes to these needy dogs.



Fiona, 2 yrs. old, F, Rottweiler/ Corgi mix, loves to play with her foster dog sister and hang with her people



Juicy Fruit, 2 yrs old, F, Hound Shepherd Mix, Likes hiking and playing with other dogs.



type dog, (Adopted)



Geraldine, 4 mos old, F, Shiba Shepherd Lab Chow mix, (good old NM brown dog) likes to play and go on walks, very sweet (adopted)

The Kitten Who Lived Through FIP

By Rachael

In November of 2021, we accepted 5 kittens to foster for PACA. They were small but seemed healthy. We had no idea how much one kitten was going to need us in the months to come.

The family took a vote and decided to name the kittens after Jim Henson's Fraggles. Wembley, Boober, Gobo, Mokey, and Red warmed up to us and were learning to be friendly and loved.

Shortly after the kittens arrived, we noticed the two black kittens were not feeling well. After many vet visits and rounds of antibiotics, sadly, one of the kittens died. Then little Red became gravely ill. At the vet, he was given fluids, antibiotics, and steroids but by that evening he would be weak again.

Eventually, it was believed Red had Feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), a viral disease that is almost always fatal. The vet performed a test to confirm this suspicion. We took Red home so he could pass peacefully surrounded by our love. A littermate stayed by Red's side day and night, bathing him, cuddling with him, and keeping him propped up on her back so he could sleep. We all took turns holding Red, watching his labored breaths slow and waited for him to pass. For days we believed he would not survive the night but every morning he would be there waiting for our cuddles.





While we waited for the results of Red's FIP test, PACA started him on GS-441524, a newer anti-viral drug that has shown to be effective against FIP. The first day he had two doses and by that night his eyes seemed clear and alert and he was less wobbly when he sat up. By the morning, he was slowly walking around and lazily playing with his toys. Within days he went from slowly walking and climbing to his favorite napping spots to running, jumping and wrestling with everyone! Red's surviving littermates have remained healthy and found their forever homes. We have finished Red's treatment plan and monitor for any relapse in health.

Today, Red is like any other healthy, growing kitten. If he sees a kid, a cat, or a dog he wants them to be his friend. The only effects from his illness are deep squeaky breaths when purring and grunts when he is angry. Red doesn't let those things slow him down.

Looking back, we never dreamed Red would be where he is today. At his worst, he was sicker than his littermate that died. We are impressed with how quickly the medication helped him become the happy kitten he is. We know when the time comes, he will be ready to share his amazing personality with the perfect forever home. We are so grateful PACA believed that Red was worth saving.

Meet Rocket (aka Rocco)

Feral Puppy Turned Foster Brother

By Tina Yarnell

10-week-old foster puppies on Dec 24th, 2020 from PACA Rescue. They were part of the "junk yard dogs" a group of three mamas and 18 or 19 puppies found living in a den under trucks/ equipment in a wrecking yard of sorts. The final three puppies that were caught and delivered to us on Christmas eve 2020!



I quickly fell in love with Rocket's gorgeous ears and coloring, and soon after his sweet, gentle personality. While we were not looking to adopt or "foster fail" at the time, I knew in my heart shortly after meeting him, that this pup would not be leaving my home. Rocket slowly began working his charm on my husband as well, and it wasn't long before he too agreed that Rocket would become a permanent member of our family.

After Rocket's litter mates moved on to their furever homes, he was taken under the wings of our lab mix Sadie and with her tutelage and some basic training on my part, Rocket began to learn what it was like to be a family pet rather than a feral pup raised in the wild. And while he is a sweet, loving goofy guy, he is skittish and leery around new objects, locations, and people. We have learned to give Rocket all the time, grace and support he needs to overcome his fears as we slowly expose him to new environments and experiences. He has come a long way from being afraid to walk in the kitchen because of the frightening monster, otherwise known as a refrigerator, to being able to walk through a door way without freaking out,

Rocket and two litter mates came to us as and allows strangers to pet him (some days this is still hard for him, but he is getting better.) He has learned that going to PetSmart and walking nicely through the sliding doors means he will get new toys and treats.

> Rocket now has a job that he takes very seriously. He helps mom "raise" foster puppies! Just like he was taught how to be an indoor, family pet from Sadie when he and his litter mates came to stay with us, Rocket has made it his responsibility to make each foster puppy that we have taken in over the last year feel welcomed and loved. He teaches them how to play, sleep, eat and enjoy full puppy lives and how to be a well adjusted member of a family. He gets very excited to meet each new set of puppies that come into the house. (Sadie is happy to let him take the reins and helps only when needed now.)

Though we have only had Rocket for a little over a year, he has made himself a vital part of our home and family. Everyone that meets Rocket falls in love with him and he endears himself to them. With such a great personality, it is our hope that one day Rocket will be able to become a therapy dog, visiting schools, hospitals, and airports to help relieve stress of others going through tough situations of their own. Rocket has recently begun the next phase of his training shoring up basic obedience and will go on to more specific training to earn a canine good citizens certification and down the road earn his official therapy dog certification. He will have more fears to overcome along the way, but each day with every new challenge conquered, he moves one step closer.





First Time Foster ************

By Tandi

As a dog lover, it's heartbreaking to hear about neglected and homeless pets. So after seeing many stories about the need for dog foster homes, I reached out to PACA to volunteer. I wasn't sure what the experience would entail and had some apprehension about the commitment required. The coordinators quickly put me at ease and filled me in on PACA's foster-only system. They offered all the equipment I would need like crates, food, leashes, etc. They described the twice-a-month adoption clinics and the adoption application process.

I explained that I already have two active adult dogs and wanted only puppies or older dogs that don't need much walking. I was matched up with two sweet female puppies from Las Vegas NM, Sadie and Madeline. They were 9 week old bundles of love and fun, and brought immediate joy to our family. The girls were introduced to our two adult dogs and they all learned how to get along. The puppies got a few corrective lessons on how to behave from the older dogs - a quick snap when they approached too closely during feeding for example. Otherwise adding the new pets to our home went smoothly and we got used to some new routines.



Puppies need a bit more attention than older dogs, especially with potty training. We set up their puppy pen on our tile kitchen floor and kept a mop and bucket of diluted bleach water on hand for quick cleanups. Since I work from home, I was able to put them outside after their naps when they typically need to take a bathroom break. There was a bit of cleanup every morning because young puppies are not yet able to 'hold it' all night. They slept in a crate with the door open, and we put paper down in the puppy pen to make cleanup easier. The two girls were adopted within weeks. It was hard to say goodbye, but the adoptive parents send updates and it is so rewarding to support the dogs' transition to loving homes!

Now we are on to our second foster, a 6-month-old puppy also from Las Vegas NM. Since he is older, I get up once at night to let him outside to potty and otherwise he is crated all night. He is a bit calmer than the young puppies and again we had a smooth experience adding him into our 'pack'. Our adult dogs are getting used to all these new guests! Our cat is also doing really well with the new pups and is helping train them on proper manners with felines. It's been such a satisfying and supportive experience to foster with PACA. I look forward to helping many dogs find their forever homes.

Repeat Adopter **************

By Michelle Mann

Our PACA story began over 8 years ago when we adopted Emma, who had a prosthetic foot brace to correct foot drop. We later referred to Emma as the best dog ever! Emma's story is one that could only be told by the many selfless individuals who rescued and rehabilitated her, before she rescued us. Sadly, Emma passed away in December 2021 and we were devastated to say the least. Making the decision to let our good friend go was heart wrenching.

In January 2022, we were ready to adopt another dog so we



contacted PACA. In February we were notified that a new mom-dog and her puppies would be available for adoption in March. We were cautiously optimistic upon being contacted by her Foster Mom, Molly, since we weren't sure if we'd be a good fit. We met Sarah and Doc for the first time on February 17th. We only intended to adopt Sarah but Doc had other plans for us. During our initial visit, he broke away from the pack and fell asleep at our feet. Sarah didn't warm up to us immediately but with 7 puppies to protect and feed, we understood she wasn't feeling "social." On the way to and from Molly's house, we discussed the pros and cons of adoption since it is a big responsibility. About 10 minutes into the drive home we decided we had to adopt Doc as well. We immediately notified Molly and she suggested a second visit in a couple weeks and we jumped at the chance. Sarah greeted us with a solid bark and Doc with a happy demeanor. I wasn't prepared for the drastic lifestyle change that would ensue when we picked up our two new dogs, but I wouldn't change a thing. Sarah is adjusting well and Doc seems to grow a little bit every day. They enjoy walks, car rides, morning and evening zoomies. Both dogs learned to sit for treats, come when called (most of the time), and how to collectively annihilate stuffed toys within seconds.



We chose to adopt through PACA again because the organization takes the necessary steps to pair humans with their canine friends to ensure a good fit. They also provide afteradoption support if needed and are responsive. Adopting a dog from a foster home environment is reassuring because you go into the trial adoption knowing more about the pet's demeanor and routines.

Thank you to our cat foster parents

PACA Cats NM would like to send out a HUGE thank you to all of our many amazing cat foster families. Without each and every one of you, our organization would not be as successful as it is. Our amazing fosters provide caring homes for litters of kittens, feral and tame, with momma cats and without, and adult cats. They selflessly donate their time, hearts, homes and even their own funds to supply food, litter, toys and most importantly LOVE. We have very special fosters that take on the neediest of our group - the bottle babies - which hold a very special place in our hearts.

For those who don't know what our foster families do for our cats, let me tell their "tail": Our cat foster parents give homes to the many litters of kittens that we have trapped or rescued. The kittens could be newborns, a few days old, or left behind by momma cat. They could be in great health, in need of their nursing momma (even if feral) for a few more weeks, in need of medical care, or in need of some love and socialization before going for adoption. Some kittens we find are so young that they need to be bottle fed for many weeks before they can be handed off to another foster home, which will get them ready for adoption. Bottle feeding a kitten requires fosters to feed the kittens every few hours, even through the night. Our kittens are fostered until they reach a minimum of 2 pounds, when they can be spayed or neutered. Foster homes dedicate their time and hearts to each litter they care for. The recent warmer weather and extended seasons have meant longer kitten seasons than usual. A longer kitten season means that we have hundreds of kittens come through our organization in a year. One foster home could have as many as 15-20 kittens each year. Some of our fosters might even have a few litters in their care at one time. Most of our fosters also have a human family of their own and work full time.

Our foster homes really go above and beyond for the kitties in their care and our organization. There are not enough thank yous to tell each and every one of you how much you are appreciated and how grateful we are for the roles you play in giving each and every kitten the best possible start in life.

Thank you to each and every one of our cat foster parents, both past and present. We have been so very fortunate to have had so many gracious fosters in past years. These are our 2021 foster parents. Stay tuned to hear about our fabulous cat volunteers at PetSmart!

ARIEL	JILL and MARK	RENEE
CHRISTINE	KATHY	ROSE
CLARE	LAURA	SAMEENA
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EMILY	LINDA	SUSAN C
HELENE	MARILYN	THECLA
JACK	MARILYNN	WENDY
JACK and GABRIEL	MARY	
JEN	RACHAEL	

Thank you to our dog fosters and volunteers

PACA DOGS would like to acknowledge and appreciate our volunteers. Without our volunteers, we could not save dogs and provide the reduced cost spay neuter program, Fix the 505. Our volunteers foster homeless dogs until the dogs get adopted. Some dogs need medical care and some dogs need rehabilitation and confidence building. Our foster homes do this along with potty training, crate training, and leash walking. Some of our foster homes have taken in momma dogs and their litters this spring. This is a labor of love and very time consuming, but very rewarding. Many of our volunteers conduct home visits to match humans with their canine companions. Our foster coordinator checks in on our foster homes to offer support for their foster dogs. Some volunteers attend adoption events twice a month. Others volunteers provide administrative help, organization of the Fix the 505 service, and even assembling this newsletter.

Our volunteers are dedicated, reliable, and caring individuals that are willing to help these dogs find forever homes. Sometimes nice people find a dog and keep the dog as a foster until we can find an adoptive home. Even though these people are not our normal volunteer groups, they generously open their homes to foster the dog. Often the entire family helps with foster dogs, so here is a shout out to any family members of our volunteers for their support.

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GIRL SCOUT TROOP 10711



Thanks to the Girl Scout Troop Silver Award Project participants! This troop chose PACA dogs to help for the community service-oriented award. So far, the girls have organized our trailer so everything is labeled and in its place. We look forward to working with the troop to help them complete their awards.



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Happy Tails



My name is Barbara and my daughter Alia and I adopted Toby and Charlie when they were babies. We didn't want to separate them, so took both of them. I hope you can use this photo of two of the loves of my life, brothers, Toby and Charlie. Charlie caught our eye because he is a polydactyl. He is the Siamese. Thanks to PACA for coming to my daughter's Girl Scout World Thinking Day when her theme was PACA and she collected donations for your cat community and Chewy donated a lot of



Gordon came to PACA as a feral dog. He was fostered and rehabilitated and adopted out to a great couple with another heeler/cattle dog. He is living a good life camping, hiking and playing with his toys. He was recently in the ABQ journal.

We adopted **Gemma** as a puppy in 2011 and **Jake** in 2015 as a 2 yr old. They are going to be 9 and 11 this yr. They've been all over the USA with us, staying at some pretty sweet hotels. We lived about 1.5 miles from the White House, so every day we visited all the monuments. All the workers knew them.





PACA does it right. We got our **Milo** from them and while the process was a bit more involved than getting a shelter puppy, they were making sure Milo would find a safe home.



Licorice is showing off her styling costume. She was adopted by her foster mom.

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Weimaranei

is enjoying

a taste of

cream in his

new home

whipped

food too.



Honey, now **Gaby,** is loving her older sister and new home



Sonny is the taller guy being cradled. "Short stuff" is his buddy, Norman. He came from Mexico through LDR and found a forever home.





Shiloh was adopted by one of our foster homes about 7 years ago. Since then, she has helped her foster mom foster many more dogs and puppies. She is now a therapy dog that helps children understand dog safety and spreads joy during her therapy dog visits.



by a family after his previous owner passed away. Here he is attending his first soccer game. He likes hanging out with his new family.



We feel like we won the puppy lottery with **Fonzie** who we are calling Bo. Our house and hearts were ready for some puppy love in January after losing our sweet pitties. We knew when our hearts were ready we were looking to love another bully. We brought Bella home on 1/5/22 a week before Mr. Bo was born. Bella loves with her entire body and is the most enthusiastic puppy we have ever raised. We knew she needed a partner in crime. Our little Zoey was doing her best to be the playmate Bella needed but at 8 years old and 12 pounds she was a better snuggle buddy. Our daughter found a picture of Fonzie and knew he was the one we had to meet. She was right, we fell in love with him in front of Sprouts. We were so excited and nervous to receive a phone call for a meet and greet. Bo (Fonzie) is the perfect friend for Bella and the perfect snuggly, lovable baby for us. Thank you for saving our baby!!

Just wanted to give a one year update on **Vince!** We couldn't be happier with our decision to bring him into our lives. He has brought us so much laughter and happiness. His long walks or runs with mom are his favorite thing and he LOVES to play fetch with his brothers. He goes camping and hiking with us when it is warm and really enjoys those adventures. Still hates water...baths are his least favorite. We just love him! He has gotten so big!







On Monday April 11th we welcomed **Bogey (Bogart)** into our family. Bogey has been a great addition to our pack. Over the last six weeks we've discovered that he is essentially a gentle giant. Some of his favorite things are sunbathing, walks on the beach (Tingley) and playing with his neighborhood friends. So far, he has learned to sit, stay, shake and lay down. We are extremely grateful to PACA and Molly for allowing us the opportunity to provide a secure and loving home. We also appreciate all of the volunteers and donors that make the adoption possible. We are looking forward to an eventful summer and giving Bogey new experiences (Hikes and trips to the lake).

We have really appreciated the process PACA goes through to place animals in forever homes. It has been the most thoughtful and hands on process we have experienced with the 4 dogs we have adopted. Specifically, the attention of introducing our family to the puppies to see which one we would gravitate towards and then introducing **Skye** to our two dogs at home. It has been so wonderful to share this process with our kids and to show them how to be responsible dog owners from the beginning. Skye has rejuvenated our dog life with her puppy charm, silliness and unconditional love.



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I can't believe it's been almost 4 months since sweet **Finn** was brought to my house in Santa Fe by his foster mom, Morgan! The support of PACA volunteers in those early weeks when Finn had a sensitive stomach and I was quickly falling in love and always worried about him was invaluable. I can't believe he's already approaching his half birthday, puppyhood is flying by! I'll always be grateful to PACA for rescuing Finn's momand giving him the best start in life.



Birdie was from the Rez but now is in the best home ever.

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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.

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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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