



## PACA/AAR SUCCESS!

YOUR DONATIONS MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HELP DOGS AND CATS THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE LEFT TO SUFFER OR DIE. HERE ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW YOUR DONATIONS MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

### VLADIMIR - THE WILL TO SURVIVE

When Vladimir first came to us he looked like he was at death's door. He was scrappy looking and had wounds on his head, an upper respiratory infection and was not neutered. In his eyes you could see the look of misery and defeat. He was brought to us by a lady who was the pet-sitter for an elderly woman who had recently passed away. He had lived a life as an indoor/outdoor cat and was free to roam the neighborhood as he wished. His tattered ears showed us that he had been in many cat fights during his life. However, our cat volunteers Jill and Thecla were optimistic that our vets would get him cleaned up and healthy...and neutered. But, it wasn't long after he was dropped off at the spay/neuter clinic that they called us and said "you need to come get this cat, he's basically dying." This was especially disheartening since we had realized what a sweet, loving, and affectionate cat he was. As scary and rough as he looked, he was really one of the friendliest cats we can say we have ever come across.

Determined not to give up on this warmhearted fellow, Thecla rushed Vladimir to another vet's office that was equipped to handle illness. Vladimir's wounds (infected abscess) were treated and his upper respiratory infection was addressed. It was also discovered that he had a heart murmur and was FIV-positive. He spent a long time recuperating at Jill's house and slowly started to recover. Despite being so sick, he was always so gentle and open to petting and scratching and snuggling. He has since regained his strength and is looking & feeling much better these days.

Vladimir is now up for adoption and desperately hopes to find a permanent home where he can spend as much time as possible on any person's lap. He has Russian Blue coloring and is likely 6-8 years old. Despite being FIV-positive, he has a chance at a fairly long life. He does not take any daily meds. FIV (Feline Immuno Deficiency Virus) is not transmitted to humans or dogs. It can only be passed to other cats through deep bite wounds. It is no longer believed that FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) can be passed to other cats by simple, casual contact. Adopting a cat that is FIV-positive (if you have another cat) is a decision you should make after consulting your veterinarian. We are convinced that when the right family comes along for Vladimir, they will be undeniably pleased that they chose him. Please come meet Vladimir at PetSmart on Academy and Wyoming and see for yourself.



TOP: Vladimir looking pretty beat up at first.

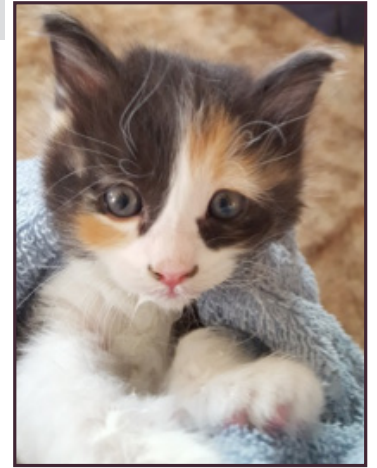
BOTTOM: Vladimir all healed up and ready for adoption.



# IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

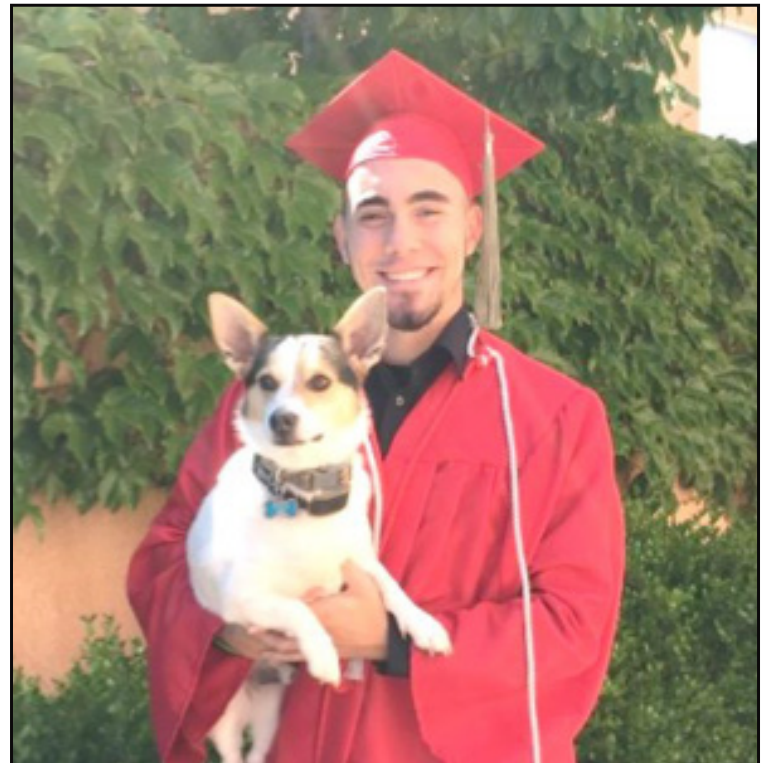


New Mexico's beautiful Spring and Summer seasons also bring a third season for PACA/AAR...KITTEN SEASON! This year certainly did not disappoint. At the time of this publication PACA had 25 litters of kittens in foster homes. Most of these kittens are brought in by our feral cat TNR team. They do not just trap, sterilize, and release feral adults. They often trap pregnant cats, nursing mothers, and the kittens themselves. If we trap a lactating mother we go to great lengths to find her kittens. It is not unusual for our TNR volunteers to crawl under houses, through ceiling spaces, and into other secluded areas they probably shouldn't be venturing into. But they never fail to eventually find the litters that are inevitably crying out for their mothers. As long as the kittens are 6 weeks or less, they are tame and make great adoptable pets.



## A BITTERSWEET SEND-OFF

We at PACA/AAR were so proud to see volunteer Keaton Gruda graduate from UNM in May with a degree in Exercise Science. He is now moving on to Northern Arizona University to pursue his Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. But we are also very sad to see him go as he has been such an asset to our dog clinic and dog fostering team. Keaton has been remarkably dedicated to helping with dog fostering and the running of our weekly dog adoption clinics. Setting up for dog clinics is very hard work and involves a lot of heavy lifting. During the day all dogs must be walked a few times and otherwise looked after. After a nonstop day working with potential adopters and taking care of 20-plus dogs then all of the equipment must be broken down and hauled back to the trailer. All of this is often done in cold, hot or windy weather. One day of working at our dog adoption clinics will wear out even the strongest and fittest of people. Keaton has done all of this consistently for the last 3 years. His favorite job though is fostering dogs of his favorite breed: pits and pit mixes. Keaton tells us he will be back after graduate school, and we will anxiously be waiting. But for now he on to the next adventure in his life which he has worked very hard to reach. We will sure miss you Keaton and wish you only the best of luck!





# Cinnamon



Brave mama  
CINNAMON/CHIQUITA (left)



Puppy Crystal, now DOLLY



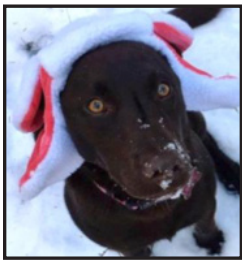
Puppy CINDY LOU/BELLA & brother  
BUSTER

If you are an animal lover who also likes to rescue dogs, the worst thing that can happen to you is to have a neighbor who is a neglectful pet owner. Our long-time volunteer and rescuer Sally has lived with this burden for years. Sally lives in a remote village between two different reservations. Not a single day goes by without seeing at least one desperate, stray dog hanging around any location that she may be at. She also passes many houses with several dogs chained up in yards often without enough shelter, water or food. One particular neighbor of Sally's has been taking in stray dogs for years. However his idea of saving these poor creatures is to chain them up or place them in small cages in his yard. Sally was constantly trying to help the dogs by providing food and supplies they often lacked. Over the years she was able to talk this neighbor into giving her some of the dogs so that she could bring them to PACA to be adopted out. Sally would take the two-hour trip to Albuquerque to bring these dogs to their vet appointments and to adoption clinics to find loving new families.

Recently the neighbor went away suddenly and abandoned all the dogs on his property. Sally started to feed the dogs, and wanted to take possession of the 7 dogs so that she could help them. But the local Animal Control Officer told her she could not take them, as they were still owned by the man regardless of where he was. Sally continued to feed the dogs daily, yet she was still not allowed to rescue Cinnamon or any of the others from their suffering. Sally had watched Cinnamon suffer in a small cage for a very long time. Cinnamon continually produced litters of pups that Sally was able to take and bring to PACA to adopt out. The owner was not, however, willing to let Sally provide Cinnamon with a free spay offered by PACA. One day Sally noticed that Cinnamon had (again) delivered 5 pups in the dirt in the small cage. Requests to take possession of Cinnamon and her pups were repeatedly denied by family members that occasionally showed up to the abandoned house. One night a crazed bear tore through the entire village attacking and killing pets and livestock throughout the entire area. He attacked and killed one of the dogs that was chained up in the yard. He then tried to attack Cinnamon and her pups through the poorly-built, rickety cage. Cinnamon fiercely protected her pups and was able to keep them safe from the bear. The horrific event came to an end when a resident farther away shot and killed the bear after it killed some of his goats.

After that terrifying event, the neighbor's family finally allowed Sally to take Cinnamon and her two pups. The neighbors had already given away three of the pups. But Cinnamon was finally free of her life of misery, and she and her pups immediately received medical care. They were now sleeping in a warm house with plenty of food, water, and affection. It did not take long for Cinnamon's pups, Crystal and Cindy Lou to find their forever, loving homes through PACA. Cinnamon also recently found her forever home with Karen and her new doggy sibling Roxie.

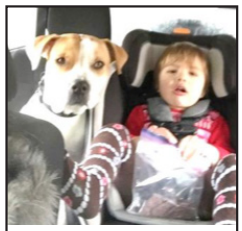
# HAPPY TAILS!



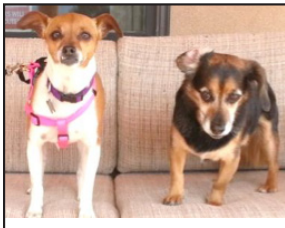
**BELLA** - Stephanie tells us “We are so happy with our girl, Bella. Thanks, PACA, for rescuing her.”



**PARKER/MINDY** - Bob and Lana tell us how much they love their new addition and couldn't be happier with her.



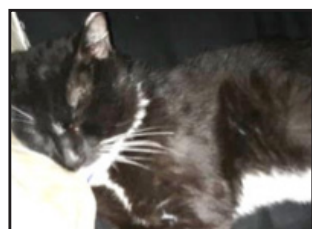
**PIPER** - Piper is fitting in wonderfully with his new family. “Thank you guys for the good work you do! Love, The Page Family “



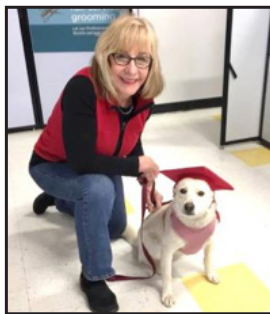
**RIVER (left)** with new sister Ami - Chris & Rhoda took River to their home near Mountainair. They take long walks together.



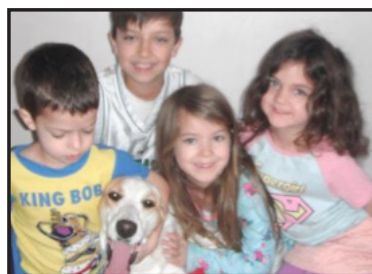
**WAYLON/BRINKLEY** - Sweet Brinkley was in bad shape with heartworm and bad hips. He is now worm-free and has had surgery to correct his hips. He is in a new forever home with Stephen and Carla.



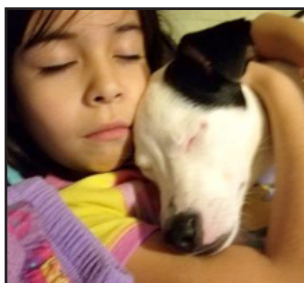
**EUGENE** - “Eugene is really warming up to us. He loves snuggling up close to us and rubbing against us. He won't stop purring, you can really tell he is happy.”



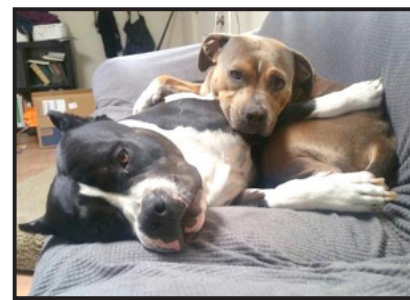
**SUGAR** receiving full graduation honors with new mom Barbara.



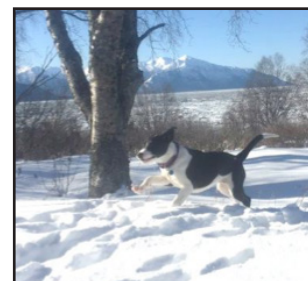
**DANERYS** - This lucky pup gets lots of attention from all of her new “siblings”.



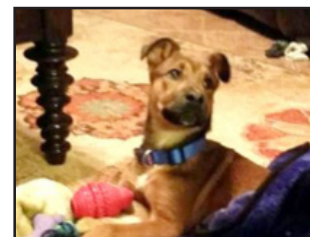
**BRYCE/TIG** - This little guy is loving all the attention that his new family gives him. The two young daughters of the household shower him with affection.



**BEAUTY (top)** with new brother Elwood. The whole family loves Beauty, and Elwood certainly does not mind having her “laying around”.



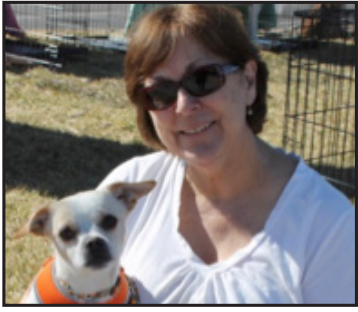
**DOLLY/RILEY** got adopted, and then 2 weeks later moved to Alaska. She gets a ton of outdoor playtime in many beautiful places. Luckily, she took to the snow right away and loves it!



**CHARLIE/MOZZIE** - Spoiled? Who? Me????

**RUFINA** - This sweet, beautiful girl lived an uncertain life outdoors with a feral pack. After PACA took her in, we realized this was not a wild cat, and she is now living a life of comfort and never has to worry about being a street cat again.

## HAPPY TAILS! (cont.)



**COOPER** with his new mommy Theresa. He has two new canine sisters!



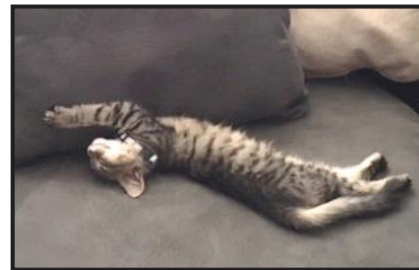
**HEIDI/CALI** has a new family that finds her delightful and fun.



**DANNER/HOUDINI** - New owner Tamma says he is the sweetest kitten and is adjusting well in her home with her three dogs.



**NATE/CASHEW** has worked very hard to fit in with his new doggie sisters. He tries to please and always greets them with a kiss or gentle love nip on the ear. He has now won them over and has fun playing and napping right next to them.



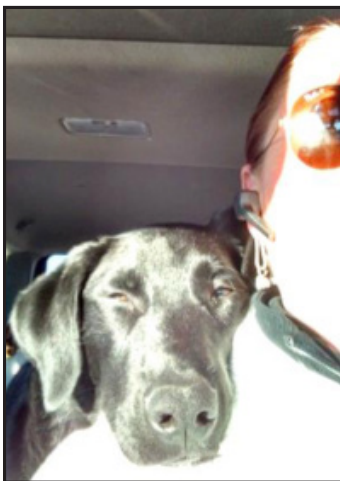
**GISELLE/KIKA** - Her entire family is head over heels for her!



**MAUREEN** - "This is my Momo. Maureen Peach Bellini. Also known as Mo-Viscous, the Mo-Tease Falcon or Mo-Cat for your money....We love her for her spunk."



**GRACIE/EVIE (left)** loves her new home with older sibling Rey Rey.



**FAWN/MOLLY** - Molly is small but has a mighty personality and loves to hunt lizards. She also has a new doggy sister named Mia.



**MINNIE PEARL** is quite happy in her new home with new owner Christopher.



**BUDDY (left)** came to us as a stray cat who had been hit by a car. He had an injured hip that required many weeks of cage rest which he did not enjoy at all. After his hip healed up, he was adopted by Margret who also adopted another PACA rescued cat named Breen. They are now named Catooine and Leeloo. As you can see, they are quite content with each other and with their new home.

# TWO FRIENDS JOIN TOGETHER WITH PACA TO ASSIST A FAMILY IN NEED!

by Linda Bickelman

Vegas was a 13 year old cat that was having serious medical problems, and her elderly owners who were very low income could not get an urgent appointment with the City Shelter's free vet clinic. Their cat was designated a service pet for the husband who has PTSD, so she was a very important and necessary member of their family. They decided to call Ms. Coleman, their Case Manager at Blue Cross Blue Shield, who happens to be the owner of two PACA cats to see if she could help. Ms. Coleman called her friend, Linda, who is a PACA volunteer for kitten fostering and cat adoptions. After hearing the story PACA board members agreed that PACA would help this family out. Unfortunately, after Linda picked Vegas up and brought her to VCA veterinary Clinic, it was determined that Vegas had end-of-life renal failure and could not be saved. As Linda was consoling the family she noticed a beautiful, 9 year-old PACA cat named Ernie who was being shown in a cage in the VCA waiting room. Ernie was surrendered to PACA by an ex-military man who was devastated that he could no longer keep his best friend. Two days later Linda brought the couple to visit with Ernie, and the day after that she took Ernie to his new home. Thanks to PACA and two cat-loving friends, this story ends happily for Ernie and his forever family. We have received updates that everyone is doing well together.



## OUR WONDERFUL PACA SUPPORTERS!



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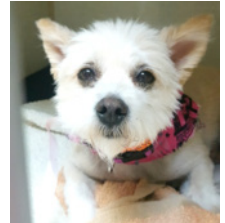
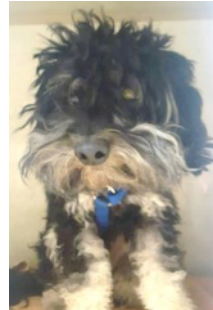
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# FIX THE 505!

**Spay/Neuter Program for the public is still plugging along!**

Your donations to the FIX the 505! Program helped us pay for the cost of spaying & neutering 67 dogs and 261 cats as of June 1, 2017. We are on target to beat last year's numbers. We hope the program continues to grow with the help of your donations. We are grateful to the vets that help us with this daunting task. Here are some pictures of more happy doggy clients whose owners are extremely grateful to have gotten help from PACA/AAR.



Say hello to Helen and her brood. Spring is the season when we trap lots of outdoor mom cats and their babies. We have trapped over 20 mom/kitten sets already in 2017 (June). We keep the families together until the babies are eating solid food, at which time the babies go to foster homes until they're big enough to fix and adopt out. Most of the moms are feral, so we spay them and return them to the location where they were trapped. However, tame moms like Helen are adopted out to loving new homes! Thank you for supporting our FIX the 505! TNR Program.



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