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40 Years Of No-Kill, Care-For-Life Rescue: A Tribute To Our Founder Irene Stockman

by Margaret Bobb



Who would have guessed that this little girl from Pennsylvania would grow up to have such an impact on animals and people in Albuquerque, New Mexico? Lillian Irene Stockman was born in 1918 in Pennsylvania and grew up loving animals. She married young and had three children (Carol, Sondra, and Scott). In 1960, Irene (known by most as "Renie") moved to Albuquerque with her third husband, Marion "Bud" Stockman.

The Wild West was much different than Pennsylvania, and Irene was shocked to see the poor treatment of stray and unwanted animals here in Albuquerque. She was fiercely determined to do something for the many poor, suffering animals she saw wandering, often in packs. She began rescuing stray dogs and finding homes for them by running ads in the newspaper. In 1968, she moved to a house on Sterling Road in the South Valley. It had enough land to kennel dogs, and the building began. Friends and volunteers soon joined in to help Irene with the (as many as 100 at times) dogs that she kept at her house. With the help from these volunteers, "PACA," the official non-profit organization, was formed in 1973. Although Irene expressed that she especially loved dogs, she was usually open to helping any animal in need. One neighbor remembers once seeing Irene struggling to heft a large dog out of the back of her van. As the neighbor approached, she saw that it was not a dog, but a severely-emaciated pony that Irene had rescued. Her home in the south valley was open 365 days a year to potential adopters and of course animals in need (many just dumped in the yard).

From the beginning, Irene was adamant that no healthy animal should be euthanized. Money always seemed to be an issue, and there were conflicts with neighbors, the County, and Animal Control Officers. At times, things became very desperate as there were vet bills to pay and dog food to buy. But as Irene's daughter Carol Hughes says, "She got things done by hook or by crook." Despite constant struggles, "Renie" remained the constant inspiration and driving force behind PACA. She never showed signs that she was weighed down by the workload, financial strains, or responsibilities of caring for so many abandoned animals. She completely committed her life to the cause of helping the endless stream of animals that passed through her doors. One donor wrote in 1995, "Her lifetime dedication to animals in need qualifies Renie as one of the most consummately beautiful things in the universe."

Irene passed away in 1995, and PACA has carried on - continuing the vision (cont. on pg. 2)



(cont. from pg. 1) of caring for abused and abandoned animals and staunchly following the no-kill philosophy. It is extremely rare for a small, grass-roots rescue group to survive beyond its founder. With the help of our devoted donors and hard-working volunteers, and surely a guardian angel known as "Renie," we have managed to maintain the vision of compassion and undying love that came so naturally to Irene.



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Don't Judge A Book By Its Cover... Or A Kitty By Its Color



July 31, 2011 marked the arrival of two new members to our household. Rocky had died the previous year and Sammy, our 12-year-old cat, had been grieving him ever since. I'd hoped having some younger cats here would provide interest and distract him from his grief. I'd been looking at the shelters and hadn't found the right cats yet. But I knew if I was patient the right cats would show up, because cats have a way of doing that.

When I was told about two rescued kittens being shown by PACA/AAR at a vet's office, we trekked over to see them. The cats were sitting in a double cage in the lobby. The little tortoiseshell girl looked beautiful and silky with the sun glinting off the highlights in her fur. The little boy was solid black with lovely green/gold eyes.

As adorable as these two kitties were, I was resistant because these weren't the cats I was looking for. I wanted an orange or possibly grey and white cat, because I'd never had either of those colors and wanted to see what they would be like. I decided I would think about it, and when I got home, I called PACA/AAR to learn a little more about their background.

Their foster mom said they were brother and sister and had come from an owner with too many cats to care for. They were born in October and PACA/AAR took them in April. They wanted to adopt them together since they'd never been apart but were thinking of separating them now. PACA/AAR had kept them for four months, and no one seemed interested in them as a pair. Having watched them play together, I couldn't bear the thought of separating them, so I said we'd take them.

The cats were named Sugar (the black one) and Spice (the tortoiseshell). I didn't think those names quite fit them so I re-named them Max and Callie. Now the only worry was whether they would get along with Sam. They eventually reached an agreement that allowed everyone to get along. Max and Callie settled into our home for the long haul.

Interacting with these energetic, funny, loving cats everyday makes me wonder why I ever thought I might not take them. That would have been a big mistake for them and us. They bring joy and laughter into our home and they were able to stay together. It's definitely a win-win situation.

I watch Max do all of his endearing, funny, compulsive routines such as touching the tag on the light cord every time he walks past it, rubbing his head on every door jamb he encounters and licking every plastic bag he can find. Callie snuggles up to me in bed, loudly and persistently demands her food when her internal clock tells her it's time, and keeps track of everything in the house to make sure it runs smoothly. Max is our clown and Callie is our "take charge" little girl. It took them a long time to get adopted but I know it is because they were waiting for us to find them.

We too often judge animals and people by stereotypes. Every human has their own personality and each cat has its own unique color, personality, and background. Remember to take the time to make your judgment on the total cat, not on some perception of color that might be very wrong.

If I'd listened to my first thoughts, I would have missed living with two remarkable, wonderful cats.

Nancy Marano, Editor of PETrolyphs



HAPPY

Raymond, a senior beagle, has settled into his new home and is quite happy! His new girlfriend, Bridgette the schnauzer, is a senior also - they're a perfect match!



Hazie is just perfect, as always. She has a birthday coming up next month... eight years! I can't believe it. It makes me sad to think of her getting older because I can't imagine my life without her, but she's still doing well.



I've attached some recent pictures of little Hazie bug. She makes me laugh constantly. I don't know what I would do without her. And, luckily, my boyfriend

Dave (Hazie's daddy) feels the same way... he loves her like I do and she is absolutely smitten with him! Every day when he gets home she starts barking at him and runs and gets a toy to start playing.



Kristin

Last July, a feral Persian cat appeared in my yard and was very hungry. She ate ten cans of food as fast as I could serve them, and I continued feeding her from then on. Not long after, five kittens appeared. They were born in a secluded corner of my back yard. Mama and daddy stayed around, too. Jill from PACA was a Godsend. We exchanged many calls, emails, and pictures for ten weeks until Jill decided the kitties were weaned and ready to be trapped and fixed. Jill brought traps, and using liver wurst, I was able to trap all the kittens and mother in one morning. PACA got them spayed/neutered and returned them to my backyard. I now have my two indoor cats (adopted from PACA) and am feeding a feral colony of seven and one other stray. Now the kittens are almost five months old, and my yard is a jungle. They have stopped hissing at me when I feed them, and we are all very happy... but please, Lord, no more! I want to thank you so much for your help every step of the way (especially Jill).



Laurel Mellon

Herbie (left), rescued from the Socorro Shelter, with his new family.



WANTED: Your Letters and Stories!

TAILS



At six years old, other rescue groups said Miki was too old to take on. PACA embraced Miki in all her beauty, and she now has a loving family who takes her on walks and hikes almost daily.



New owners Janet and Keith are so thrilled to have Miki in their family.

We just wanted to send a couple of pictures of our beloved Lucy (aka Wink), who joined our family in April. She is such a wonderful and sweet girl. We are very grateful that PACA was able to bring us together. Thank you!

Sincerely,

The Keenan Family



Winston is enjoying the life of luxury in his new home.



Mr. Greyjoy was initially found while trapping a feral cat colony. However, we soon realized that even though he was running with the ferals, he definitely was NOT one and was



a successful candidate for in-home adoption. Here he is in his Halloween Costume, a long way from being cold and hungry on the streets.

Hi, I just wanted to let you know that Luna May, AKA Spoon, is doing fine. She loves her brother Little Dude very much.

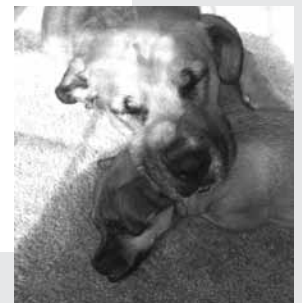


She is still very skittish and scared of most things and people, but she loves her toys, loves it when I give her hugs, and she is healthy.

This picture is from last year. She will be two in years old in January.

KC

Here is a picture of Gizmo using one of his new buddies as a pillow during his afternoon snooze. Gizmo is doing really well! He is very happy with all his friends and his "mini me" brother. People always ask if they are twins.



Let us know about your furry family members, and they may find themselves featured in our next newsletter. You can send them by letter or by email - see our contact info on page 11 for addresses.

TNR or NTR: Trap Neuter Release is also Neutralize Tumor Risk By Carol S. Kramer, PACA Cat Volunteer

Sit in any group of women “of a certain age” and mention breast cancer. Pause and watch the reactions. They are probably spontaneous, and the reactions are obviously personal. Then add, “...in pets.” Note the puzzled looks. It’s not something that quickly comes to mind. Yet in unspayed animals “of a certain age,” mammary cancer is a serious risk.

In fact, we have learned that almost 85 percent of feline mammary tumors are actually malignant. But the risk of mammary cancer in cats can be reduced by 91 percent by one simple action – spaying female cats before they are six months old. If a female cat is spayed before she is two years old, the risk is reduced by 11 percent.

Dogs commonly have mammary tumors, and approximately half of these tumors are malignant. Tumor development is reduced significantly in female dogs that are spayed before the first or second heat cycle. Waiting to spay until after the dog’s second heat increases the risk to 25 percent.

While PACA is dedicated to getting cats adopted, there are times when it acquires cats and then discovers that they are medically unadoptable. That’s when volunteers step in. Pandora, a beautiful orange shorthair that had never been spayed, had developed tumors across her abdomen, and sure enough, they were malignant. Jill Kleven is fostering Pandora for the rest of what will surely be a much-shortened life.



Sadly, in cats, the prognosis is never good. The tumors, 90 percent of which are malignant, spread quickly to the nearest set of lymph nodes and to the adjacent glands. A newborn’s onesie keeps Pandora from scratching or licking her wounds, which would make her situation more painful.

So while we advocate and are active in Trap Neuter Release, we need to let people know that this practice not only stabilizes colonies, but it saves lives by Neutralizing Tumor Risk.

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FEATURED CREATURES

Some animals come and some animals go. Some animals wait and wait and wait. Some animals are waiting just for you. These are some that have waited too long.



Patch this month's **FEATURED CREATURE**

Patch is an English Bulldog mix, and he would like to be the only pet since he is a senior. He was rescued from the Valencia County Shelter, where he and his his lady love had been since October of 2012 due to a court case. She and her pups were sent to a rescue in Utah as no one had room for them here. Meanwhile, Patch is in a PACA foster home and is ready for a new family to love.

Katie is shy at first and needs a quiet home. She has a very sweet personality, loves to play, and has beautiful dark stripes. She is currently inside Kitty City with her mother, Mrs. Murphy, waiting for the perfect home!



Niko is about 1 year old. He was rescued from a local reservation by a nice person, and was pretty beat up. He is a great dog: he's friendly, good with dogs, happy, and is housebroken.



Chocolate Chip is a 1-2 yr-old, medium-energy beagle mix with freckles on his nose who just loves attention! He is very friendly and loves to go for walks and play with other dogs. He is crate and leash trained.



Aslan (also known as Whitey Tightly) is all white with yellow eyes, deaf, and 10 years old or more. He is very friendly, loves people, and is laid back. He has a loud meow and is a real sweetie.

Mrs. Murphy was left in a box with her two kittens outside Clark's Pet Emporium. She is mellow, patient, quiet, and loving. You can see Mrs. Murphy inside Kitty City at Clark's on Menaul.



Sammie is a sweet girl in a tough costume. She had ten puppies and is ready for a home of her own. She is mellow and affectionate, likes walks, knows how to heel, and needs a 4-5 ft. fence.



Cookie was found alone on a local pueblo. She is about 9 months old, is VERY nice, and will need a yard with a tall fence. She spends a lot of time playing tag with the other dogs in her foster home.



Therese came to PACA with a litter of kittens. She is very patient, calm, and loving. She was probably born around 2012 and is good-sized for a female cat. She's such a nice kitty!

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New Beginnings: Chance and Emma

by Lanya Dearholt

Chance and Emma were both rescued from the Valencia County shelter with major medical issues. The Valencia County Shelter does not have the funds available to treat severe medical cases, so they often call on rescue groups to get these severely injured animals the care they need. Chance and Emma were two such cases, and PACA came to their rescue after requests from kennel volunteers indicating their dire need.

Both were medically difficult cases needing the expert care of VCA board certified surgeon Dr. Rose. His exceptional skills made it possible for both Chance and Emma to now live out long and happy lives!

Chance had a shattered pelvis that required extensive surgical repair to regain use of his legs. Emma had severe injuries to both of her rear hips and legs, and we initially thought she would need surgery on her left hip and amputation of her right foot. Her foot was not amputated, but still too mutilated to use properly, and Dr. Rose had to remove bone fragments, dead skin, and her toenails. She was then fitted with a prosthetic boot that positioned her foot correctly to walk pad down, as she had just been dragging it before. As a result, Emma started using her left hip more, with the muscles getting stronger around it as the prosthetic supported her other leg better. She may eventually need more surgery, but for now is doing well and getting accustomed to her boot.

Both of these dogs have excellent temperaments, but we worried that finding them a home would be difficult given their medical challenges. Our worries were unwarranted, and both Chance and Emma were adopted shortly after their surgeries were completed! It's just another amazing outcome made possible by the love of our hard working volunteers, the support of our donors, and the caring adopters willing to make these dogs a permanent member of their families. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.



Emma was emaciated when she came to the Valencia Shelter



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PACA cats are also at **Kitty City, PACA's free-roaming cat habitat**, located at Clark's Pet Emporium (on Menaul, just west of Juan Tabo) 7 days a week. Adoption clinics at Clark's are every **Saturday from 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM**.

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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 No-Kill 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. For animals that arrive suffering from severe degenerative illness or injuries that permanently compromise the animal's quality of life, PACA uses humane euthanization to end their suffering. We provide care to animals who are doing well, even if they are terminal, and euthanize only when they are experiencing a poor quality of life. About 1% of the animals we receive need this service.

REHOUSE: No-Kill rescue requires short and long term temporary housing for animals. This is best met by foster care givers, not traditional kennel facilities. Fosters are also responsible for bringing their foster animal to adoption clinics. PACA/AAR is committed to helping solve the greater problem of pet overpopulation. By using and advocating strong sterilization policies, implementing aggressive adoption programs and promoting active community involvement, PACA effectively participates in improving the lives of animals in our community.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Transporting Animals for Clinics	<input type="checkbox"/> Board Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Fund-raising/Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Foster Care (Cats)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Foster Care (Dogs)

Member Status

(check one) New Renew Date _____

Membership Level

(check one) Student/Sr. Citizen (\$10) Individual (\$30) Sponsor or Family (\$50) Patron (\$100+)

We encourage you to use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter to send donations and applications to PACA/AAR.