

A New Leash On Life

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PACA/AAR: Celebrating 40 Years Of Success!

PACA is very proud to be celebrating 40 years of rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing dogs and cats in New Mexico! We are proud to have contributed to the welfare of many animals over time, including:

- Rescuing from shelters all over the state
- Rescuing owner surrenders
- Rescuing strays
- Spaying, neutering and vaccinating
- Trap, neuter, release of hundreds of feral cats
- Taking on extreme medical cases
- Accepting a precious few into sanctuary to live out their days in PACA's care

There are numerous stories and memories from our 40 year history – some inspiring and joyous, some tragic and heartbreaking. For many, we were their first exposure to a gentle hand, kind eye, and a feeling of safety and trust. We are extremely proud to look back on the impact we've had on New Mexico's homeless, neglected, and forgotten pets through the compassion, respect, and second chances we've given to thousands of dogs and cats over the years.

We are celebrating with a very special fund-raiser that we hope you'll support. You are cordially invited to our Imaginary Anniversary Party! The whole idea is that we could plan a big, fancy event where you would then have to purchase a ticket, hire a babysitter if you have children, buy a dress and rent a tuxedo, get your hair done, etc. But instead, we are asking that you purchase a ticket to our Imaginary Anniversary Party for \$40. You can support our cause and honor our 40th anniversary, but don't have to go to the extra effort and expense of getting yourself ready for a big social event. As a thank you, you will receive a voucher to stuff your very own commemorative PACA stuffed animal at It's a Zoo in Here at 6100 Coors Blvd, 87120.

To purchase a ticket to our Imaginary Anniversary Party, use the form on the back of this newsletter to mail your order, or visit www.nmpaca.org to get your ticket online.

Thank you to all of our adopters and donors for supporting our mission over the last 40 years! Here's to many, many more!

Recovered and Rehoused

Recently, Albuquerque's cat rescue organizations were put to the test - the family of an elderly woman called PACA and a few other rescue groups saying that the woman was getting older and was in poor health, and knew she had limited time to find a place for her dozens of cats. Needless to say, this was too big of a job for just one rescue group! Multiple organizations came together to house as many cats as we could, even though they all knew the cats were likely to be sick, riddled with parasites, and needing socialization.

Surprisingly, most of the cats were incredibly friendly and social. They were loving, gentle, playful, curious, and not aggressive or shy in the least. In fact, they constantly demanded attention! They were highly-adoptable - once their medical issues were taken care of.

PACA took 11 of these cats, and various other groups took others. All of them had severe ear mite infestations and upper respiratory infections that required several rounds of increasingly-powerful antibiotics over the course of months, but eventually all of them made a complete recovery with no residual effects.

All of these fantastic cats have now been spayed, neutered, and adopted into loving homes (with slightly fewer friends!). It is because of supporters like you that we were able to give these cats the vet care they needed. 11 cats on antibiotics is no small medication cost, and our donors came through. Without YOU we can't help animals like these, so PACA wants to thank each and every one of you for helping us help these animals, and the animals to come. Unfortunately, there will always be a need for us - and for you. THANK YOU for your support.



Big Brother Dante



*Finn and Elmer,
mischief galore*



*Jenny, Ms.
Personality Plus*



*Jack and Mittens,
lively kittens!*

Like Us On Facebook!

The cat page can be found at **PACA NM**. The dog page can be found at **People's Anti-Cruelty Association/Albuquerque Animal Rescue**, www.facebook.com/PACAdogs. You can also follow the dogs on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/PACAdogs>. Come see what's new with PACA and our animals!

Visit Our Website!

Our Home, Events, and Donate pages make it easy to see what PACA is doing to help New Mexico's homeless animals, and provides an easy way to make an online donation. Visit nmpaca.org to find out more.

Donate Your Vehicle!



Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate For Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate online at their website: www.donateforcharity.com.

Power Giving: The United Way

Many employers augment 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.

PACA Statistics

In 2012 we succeeded in 122 dog adoptions and 245 cat adoptions. We also trapped, neutered, and released 95 feral cats.

Mercy Triumphs

Thanks to the generous financial help from our donors, excellent care at TLC vet hospital, and the love and prayers from countless other people, Mercy has made an excellent recovery. We are happy to report that Mercy is doing quite well in her new home.

Last November Mercy was left to die on the side of a road in Valencia County. She was emaciated and was suffering from a multitude of very serious injuries that were intentionally inflicted upon her. She had severe injuries to her face, muzzle, teeth, and tongue. There were scars around her muzzle where it had been wired shut, indicating that she had been used as a bait dog. She also had multiple gunshot wounds with one fragment lodged behind her right eye, causing blindness. She also had severe damage to her genitals and numerous other injuries, some older and untreated.

After several surgeries and months of vet care, Mercy is mostly physically recovered. The emotional scars will take longer to heal. Her new



Mercy with her new family



Mercy before



Mercy after

owners have found that Mercy is sweet and loving, although she is understandably skittish at times. She can now look forward a life of safety, comfort, and lots of love. PACA would like to thank all of you who helped with donations, supplies and loving thoughts for Mercy. APNM is still offering a \$5000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for what they call the "repeated and persistent cruelty and neglect" of this sweet girl.

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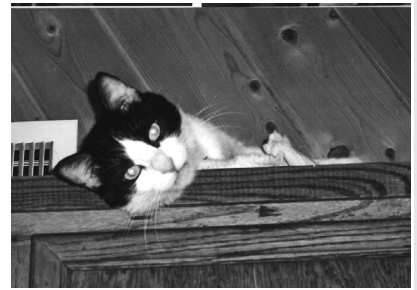
Jethro & Oliver, aka Sensae & Chuckie

Thank you so much for our two wonderful cats, Jethro and Oliver (Sensae and Chuckie). They couldn't be more perfect and are just *exactly* what we wanted, and we absolutely adore them!

They can be UP around three sides of the kitchen (and we're working on making the fourth side accessible to them, also), and they enjoy extending their explorations to the top of the pantry doors when possible!

Jethro likes to stalk our dog, and Oliver is getting more accustomed to her, too. Both of them spent a lot of time bird-watching from various vantage points around the house.

Thank you again so much,
Karen and Gary Boettcher



P. J.

We are so happy to have P.J. with us. He is just the most adorable dog ever! He and Anna are getting along very well together. She doesn't play with him as much as he would like, but they are great company for each other.

Of course our living room looks as if we have a half dozen toddlers in the house. All sorts of toys are strewn all over the place.

He eventually figured out the doggie door, and of course follows Anna whenever she goes outside.

P.J. is such a cuddle bunny! He is a 56-lb. lap dog. While Anna prefers to sleep on a doggie bed on the floor of our bedroom, P.J. likes to sleep on our bed at our feet. In the morning, he'll crawl up to our heads and snuggle with us. We love it! We couldn't have asked for a better companion. I hope we can help PACA rescue more dogs from the Valencia shelter.

Thank you so much for all you do!

Kate Johnson and John Colclough



WANTED: Your Letters and Stories!

TAILS

Glacier, aka Malachai

The beginning of 2013 was painful. On January 5, I began to experience intense chest pains. I was rushed to the hospital, but it wasn't a heart attack. It took three months to get a diagnosis. During this time my beloved cat, Oliver Wendall Kiddycat, died in the vet's office when she gave him anesthesia prior to a dental treatment. His heart just stopped. An autopsy showed that the big, strong cat who had recently crossed the country with me was really very sick. This was the second time one of my cats died during dental surgery. I was beside myself with grief. I'd rescued Oliver from a feral colony I'd fed from my home in New York. We'd bonded so strongly, and I was looking forward to traveling the country with him.



My other cat, Sheyna, a Maine Coon who was also rescued from the mean streets of Long Island, was in mourning too. Her personality changed, and she was needy and lethargic.

And I was lonely. I knew three people in Albuquerque I could call real friends. Everyone else was back East. As a PACA volunteer and at my other volunteer job, I was getting to meet some lovely people. But I was too sick to go to either place.

I finally felt well enough to go to PetSmart and explain my absence. I heard cats were coming in the next day, and stopped by to see who came in. From outside the adoption area I spotted the back of a solid white cat. My feral colony had white cats. Oliver's girlfriend from the colony was white (yes, he'd had a girlfriend, and they hung out together on opposite sides of my screen door). I had to hug that cat if it would let me.

I'd no sooner opened the cage than this ball of fur literally dove into my arms, wrapped his front paws around my neck, and began to purr loudly. I felt like he was saying, "Take me home, we can help each other." He sat on my lap for hours, and came home with me that afternoon. He was named Glacier, but he was too warm and loving for that name. After playing on the computer, I found the name Malachai, messenger of God. That was it. He would be my Malachai.

It only took Malachai two days to make himself comfortable in his new home. He is so self-confident that he simply assumes he is loved. Sheyna didn't stand a chance. She'd hiss at him or grumble, she'd attempt to swat him away, and he'd just cock his head to the side and look at her like she was crazy. He'd climb up on the couch with us and hop on the bed at night. In less than a week they were chasing each other around my apartment. Suddenly Sheyna played with their toys, and they delight at watching the rabbits and the roadrunners as they scamper outside my patio at dusk and dawn. Yet neither of these formerly outside cats makes any attempt to walk out the door. They are happy to have their home.

Carol Kramer

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 e-mail - see our contact info on page 11 for addresses.

Why I Give to United Way



Angus is a young Pit Bull that PACA pulled from the Valencia County shelter just hours before he was to be put down. When PACA picked him up, his face was covered with cuts and scars and he was severely underweight.

PACA was unable to find a foster home for Angus, so he went into boarding, where he further deteriorated, stopped eating, and began exhibiting aggressive behavior.

PACA is a NO-KILL, foster-based organization and committed to finding Angus a forever home, albeit untraditional...

THE TRANSFORMATION!

Angus is now doing very well and living permanently at the Fur and Feathers Animal Assistance Sanctuary in Pie Town, NM. Angus has a new girlfriend, Bella, and is making new friends every day as the staff gradually introduces him to more dogs.

He has gained weight, is eating regularly, and socializing well. He is undergoing obedience training and is steadily acclimating and settling into his new home.



Many employers will match your United Way contributions to a 501c3 organization of your choice. Matching gifts helped Angus and many other PACA animals get back on their feet. Find out if your employer has a matching gift program, and if so, please consider giving to PACA or Fur and Feathers through United Way.

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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.



Cassandra

this month's

FEATURED CREATURE

Cassandra is a lovely, older gentlewoman cat who has been with us for over a year. She is loving, quiet, well-behaved, and tolerates other cats, but it is not easy to find a home for her because she is older, has arthritis and a heart murmur, and can be a bit of a scaredy-cat. She loves to be petted and purr, purr, purr.

Monty is a Bulldog/Shitzu cross with a big personality, and is lots of fun! He is active and needs lots of exercise and another active dog to play with. He is still a young boy (about a year old) and is still learning as he goes along.



Gatita is a nice, quiet kitty that loves petting. She's solid gray with medium hair. She was born around 2009. Gatita gets along fine with other cats.



Cornelia was rescued from the city shelter, where she had been living for six months! Now she has been with PACA since January of 2013. Cornelia was born around 2009. She's friendly and she's active, and gets along with other cats.



Riley is around a year old and a happy guy; he loves to play with toys and other dogs, but he also likes to snuggle with his human. Mr. Personality is what we call him, and he has loads of it!

Milo is great with other dogs and loves to play, but is just as happy to lounge around and relax. Milo is one of the nicest dogs we've met, is curious and not at all aggressive or shy, so we think he will be ok with cats and kids.



Pandora is around 10 years old and has multiple inoperable tumors, but she doesn't even realize she is sick. She flies around the house, sleeps with you, purrs and enjoys being petted, and is ok with cats.



Minnie is very friendly and has a cute, cute face. She was born around 2001 and she is declawed on her front feet. She is ok with other cats and dogs, and she loves people. She is a very nice kitty!



Primo is a curious, high-energy possible Shepherd/Akita mix who loves everyone and everything. He's 2 years old and 55 lbs, and has been waiting a long time for a permanent home.

You can visit all of our animals online at WWW.NMPACA.ORG

Shopping for groceries can also help New Mexico's homeless pets!

PACA has joined the Albertson's Community Partners Program, which allows our friends to support PACA simply by doing their normal grocery shopping! **When you use this scan card at checkout, Albertson's will donate 1% of your grocery purchase price to PACA.** Please cut out the card below and keep it in your wallet for your next shopping trip. We also have sturdier plastic key-tags available - please come see us at the adoption clinics to get one, or email us at pacadogs@aol.com and we will mail you one. You may also call us at 315-0004 to request that one be mailed.



Kitty City is a MUST SEE!

Our free-roaming cat habitat is located inside Clark's Pet Emporium on Menaul, just West of Juan Tabo. Here you can see PACA cats interacting in an open, social environment where they can run, play, or nap wherever they please. Come meet a new family member, or come weekly to volunteer. Kitty City is always in need of people to help care for our kitties!

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We understand. But you can help by sponsoring a spay or neuter with a \$56 donation to PACA/AAR. Please send the following form in with your donation to:

P.O. Box 21280
Albuquerque, NM 87154-1280
You can also donate online at
nmpaca.org.



This feral mom and her kittens were found in a car being worked on inside an auto repair garage. We performed a Trap/Neuter/Return on the mom, and the babies (now named Isolde and Tristan) are currently in a foster home until they are old enough to be fixed and placed in new homes. They should be available sometime in June.

**YES! I want to SPONSOR A
SPAY OR NEUTER!** Enclosed is
a check for \$56 (or more) to
sponsor a (please circle):

DOG CAT FERAL CAT

Name : _____

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FORGET-ME-NOT WALL



PACA realizes that it is important to commemorate our pets when they pass away, just as one would a family member or friend. In order to do this, we have designed a special wall inside our Kitty City facility at Clark's Pet Emporium on Juan Tabo and Menaul, where "Forget-Me-Not" tiles are placed with the deceased pet's name lettered on them. For a small \$25.00 donation, we will letter a tile with the name of your pet and add it to the Forget-Me-Not Wall, where it will be a permanent reminder of your beloved pet.

We will never forget you.

Complete this form and mail with your donation to:
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Name of Pet _____

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Type of Animal (dog, cat, etc) _____

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adoption schedule

DOGS

The **DOG ADOPTION CLINICS** are held on **Saturdays** at the grassy area near the Sprout's Farmer's Market on Academy and San Mateo, weather permitting, 11 AM - 3 PM. Please check our website for hours as they are subject to change based on weather.

We are always grateful to accept donations of dog and cat food, toys, and treats. The dogs also need leashes and metal, buckle-type collars. Thank you!

You can also visit all of our animals online at **NMPACA.ORG**

CATS

PACA cats are at PetSmart (Academy/Wyoming) **7 days a week**. We hold cat adoption clinics at PetSmart every **Saturday and Sunday from 10-5**. In addition, we have PACA volunteers at PetSmart every day, with both morning and evening hours. See our website at nmpaca.org for our current schedule.

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**.

about us

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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Imaginary Anniversary Ticket

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