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Beau was one of 17 dogs rescued from Santa Rosa on 3/24/08. Beau's new Mom writes: "I met Beau when I moved to Tucson AZ. I started working at At-Home-Kennels and he was in the first building I had to clean. They were the adoption dogs and I fell in love with every single one. However, Beau had managed to steal my heart. Beau got adopted and it was a bitter-sweet goodbye. A year later I had moved back to Florida. I called the kennel and asked what dogs they still had to adopt, they told me Beau was back. His owner had been deployed to Iraq. I then made several phone calls and a month later I was on my way to Tucson, AZ to pick him up. Beau has touched my family's heart in a way I didn't think possible, Beau's calm but playful manner won them over in a matter of minutes. He is an amazing dog and I'm grateful he is in my life and that he has found, in me, his "forever home."



Available for adoption these loving boys seeking permanent homes.



It gets awfully boring just waiting for a forever home!

Hershey is one of the 17 dogs rescued from Santa Rosa on 3/24/08. He is playful, happy, house broken, and leash trained. Gets along

well with most other dogs but not cats. He is happy jogging with you or just hanging out on the couch.



Clifford was found on Ajo Highway at Three Points. He had been hit by a car and suffered a

broken back. Under the gentle care of AC volunteer Alice Brantley he blossomed. His disability is barely noticeable. This little Fox Terrier/Chihuahua mix is about 1.5 years old. His forever home will have a playmate and cats are ok too.

No one could make a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little....Edmund Burke

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First let me announce we are still here! Apparently the absence of our newsletters left some of our supporters wondering. The economy has been brutal to all charitable organizations. Many of our loyal supporters have lost their jobs. Thus leaving us with one third less in our operating budget, with no paid staff, or office space and 93% of all donations directly used for animal welfare. We temporarily placed our newsletter on hold. These funds were used to maintain our dip/shot clinic for San Xavier and expand our help to the homeless with pets by organizing a vaccination clinic at the Little Town food bank. This outreach program has provided food, medical care and spay/neuter services to many who would have gone wanting. The dogs we help are abandoned, injured and starving. Seeing their amazing strength and courage, how could we ever give up on our mission to help.

YENG'S STORY— 2009 has been a difficult year financially for most charities and Animal's Crusaders is no exception. This reality has forced us to find new ways to trim an already bare budget. However, we still hold onto our belief that even injured and less adoptable dogs deserve our best efforts. One of these dogs a small Chow mix puppy was found by the road on San Xavier district. She was pulling herself along the road way. Upon examination, we realized both hind legs were broken. Euthanasia seemed the most humane course of action. But it is never an easy decision, the cost of surgery, the possibility of failure of the procedure all had to be considered. As we fed and comforted Yeng (as she is now known) she had no pity for herself, just a desire to be a playful puppy again. Our decision was easy after all. The surgery required bone plates on both hind legs and in a short period, she was up and running. When we see her with her new and loving family, we know the funds were well used.



An Angel in the Desert!!!!

Angel sat waiting for someone to help her. She had whelped two litter of puppies in the desert behind the Shell station at Wilmot/I10. A kind maintenance man left scraps of food and wished he could do more to help. A concerned customer reported angel to us and we were able to rescue her with some canned cat food and kind words. Unfortunately, her condition of malnutrition and valley fever did not allow for her to care for her pups, which passed in the desert. Angel's notoriety is known far and wide by customers at the gas station and many who call to check on her health. Her days are filled with chasing lizards, not worrying when the next meal will come.



Have you consider making a bequeath to Animals' Crusaders?? If you are not in the position to help now, perhaps you will be in the future!

Paws 4 A Cause

Paws 4 a cause was all started with Crystal's visit to Pima Animal Care Center. She saw so many sad, homeless pets waiting for homes & knew that she had to do something to help, so she started Paws 4 a Cause. Her organization collects pet related items and then donates them to local shelters, animal rescue groups, & individuals in our community who are in need of the basic necessities for their pets. Some of the items they collect are; dog & cat food, treats, toys, collars, leashes, beds, blankets, towels, brushes, litter boxes, food & water bowls, crates, etc. They also donate to the Gospel Rescue Mission's homeless pets, as well as delivering items to individuals for their pets throughout the city who are having trouble financially. They are very proud to say that last year alone, they donated over 5,000 pounds of dog and cat food, and over 3,500 items to help animals in our community. She has placed donation bins with local groomers. It is Crystal's dream that one day she can become a 501c3 non profit organization to be able to help so many more animals that are in need in our community. For more information on their organization, please visit: www.paws-4acause.org

adopt a rescue animal, your best friend is waiting!

Our Homeless People & their Pets

Animal's Crusaders in partnership with the Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic has held a vaccine clinic at Little Town Community Food Bank and to date 110 pets have been sterilized and vaccinated. AC has also provided licensing fees and medical assistance to pets belonging to homeless individuals living in near by camps. The Humane Society has also donated several hundred pounds of dog and cat food to the Little Town Community Food Bank, which distributes the food on a daily basis. Many of the homeless people in our area would rather live in the desert than a shelter who would force them to give up their beloved



**Larry with Baby
at their home site!**

companions. Instead perhaps we should offer a helping hand.

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Kahlua's Story

A boy ran into a veterinary clinic shouting "a dog's been hit by a car". The vet tech followed him outside as they searched for the dog, finding her crouched under a mobile home. They took her back to the clinic stitching up cuts on her face and head. She limped for a couple of days but x-rays hadn't revealed any fractures or breaks. She wasn't wearing a collar, nor was there an indentation in her fur to indicate she'd ever worn one. No one looked for her on Petfinder.com. She was likely a stray,



living on the streets, dodging traffic and eating whatever she could find. I met her at the Animal Fair last weekend, where Rose, the vet tech who cared for her at the clinic, had brought her to get an idea of how she'd do in that environment. Skittish but playful, I saw in her eyes a wisdom beyond an eight-month old puppy. A few days later she came to live with me. That was eight days ago and, I prepared for the worst. She had every right to be scared, withdrawn, and defensive. A stray is typically harder to housetrain than other pups and a puppy with her story could easily be destructive. But by the third day, she'd conquered her fear of the doggie door and was choosing to go outside to take care of necessities and not once have I returned from work to find so much as a plant knocked over. No chewing, scratching, eating foreign objects, or rearranging furniture. She's learning to bark but doesn't often bother. In fact, the only thing that she seems to want to do is play. All the time. Play, play, play, play, play. Did I mention she likes to play?

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WISH LIST

- New van for transporting
- Land to build a permanent shelter
- Foster homes, foster homes, foster homes
- Dog food, dog food, dog food, dog food, dog food!!!!
- Gift cards for pet food & supplies
- Dog houses and beds

Please consider a web donation. Visit us at www.acofaz.com. Choose the pet you wish to support, click on the sponsor me.

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VITAL STATISTICS

In our current fiscal year to date, we have adopted 26 dogs, spayed 117 & neutered 96 animals!



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