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Ollie enjoying his foster home

The four month old black and white puppy (now known as "Ollie") hung with the remains of his family after his mother died. Another stray mother and her one surviving puppy became his surrogate mother and sister as they wandered the Sells district looking for handouts and sleeping under cars. He was the first one to be trapped as

he was the bold adventurous one. The human family he was placed with could not cope with his mischievous and boisterous personality but decided to keep his less active surrogate mother and sister. Separated from his dog family, he is now being rehabilitated by an animal crusader's volunteer. Ollie is about eleven months old and is no ordinary dog. Since he had no physical contact with humans during the early months of his life he is what is known as feral or unsocialized. This is an all too common situation on the reservation. Although people have heard of feral cats and wild horses, they have not often heard of feral dogs that are

afraid to come close to or be touched by humans. Feral dogs exist in third world countries and in this country they are primarily found in economically deprived inner cities, rural areas and on Indian reservations. Unless these dogs find humans willing to feed them they are doomed to starvation since domesticated dogs are not genetically adapted to hunt as wild animals. Being left to fend for themselves they are in an even worse position than the non-feral strays with whom they compete for human handouts since they are skittish and afraid to approach the humans upon

whom they rely for survival. Feral puppies weakened from starvation and exposure succumb to death and disease. Their unsprayed stray or feral mothers struggle to help them but too soon must care for the next litter of puppies.

Little Ollie is slowly learning to trust humans. Although he has suffered the loss of his dog family it is hoped that he can one day bond with a human family that will be committed to him and have the kindness and patience to embrace his lively and sensitive nature.

Update....Update... Update

“Princess” aka Coyote Mamma, resides at the AC Vice President’s (Lisa Clore) home. Her past worries for food and shelter for herself and 10 puppies are but a distant memory.

Her only decision these days are whether to wrestle with her remaining pups or nap in the sun. She’s normally able to fit both into her busy schedule. All three are patiently waiting for permanent home.

Coyote Boy has not been seen for many months. We still look for him and hold on to hope. He’s a strong and resourceful dog and perhaps he’s walked to one of the nearby villages. Hopefully we’ll see him again.



Coyote Mamma with her pups one week after rescue



Two remaining pups Sally and Jamie



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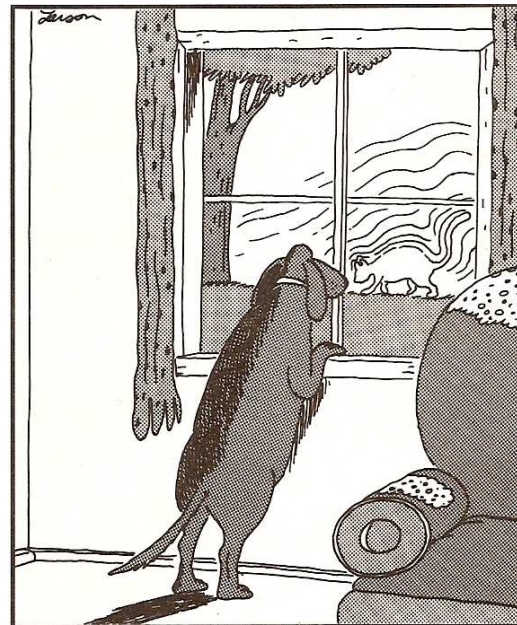
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AC Volunteer finds many rewards

For many years I had the good fortune to spend my spare time providing care for dogs and cats with no foreseeable place to go. Homeless, starving, sick or just plain unsocial, as with so many Animals' Crusaders volunteers, I opened my heart and home to some of the less "adoptable" animals we acquired. There are no words to express the value a person can feel by contributing to another life and knowing you've made a difference, taming a feral cat, feeding a starving dog food, watching a sick dog grow healthy, getting your first kiss from a previously untouchable dog or head butt from an standoffish cat. From the first dog I adopted in 1988 from a no-kill shelter in (the suburbs of) Chicago, to my most recent adoption in the high desert of New Mexico, my life is enriched by sharing my life and love with special needs animals.

My dogs, left to right, back: Sprinkles from San Xavier Mission 2003 now approx 5 yrs old; Annie, location unknown, 1995, now 13 yrs; Angel, Little Tucson Oct 1995, now 10 yrs; Javier, San Xavier Mission 1995, now 11; Frieda, Sells 1998, now 7 yrs. Front: Louise, Sells 1994, now 12 yrs; Gordon, Albuquerque NM Feb 2005, now 10 mos. In loving memory: my dearest Princess Mudd, an angel as of 2003 and Lucy in disguise "the cat with kaleidoscope eyes" passed on this past summer, 2005.

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