

# CRUSADERS CHRONICLES

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Animal Crusader's  
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## Coyote Store Momma

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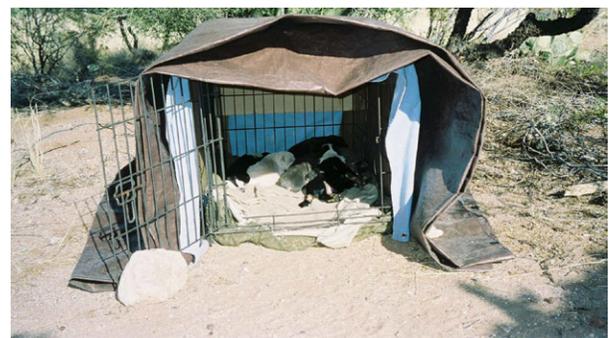
The coyote store is just a trading post or last chance for gas and a big gulp on your way to Sells or Rocky Point. But the owners were kind enough to report a feral dog. She had taken up refuge and whelped a litter of pups in a shallow hole under a creosote bush. Conditions were

extreme as it was January and the little den was in the open cold desert. Her 10 pups would surely succumb to cold or coyotes so volunteers acted quickly. Providing a little more protection with an airline crate

covered with a rain tarp. "Coyote Momma", as she was dubbed, must have approved of the upgrade, for she continued to nurse and protect her brood in the makeshift home. Meanwhile, plans were being made to trap her and bring her family to town. The rescue was uneventful. As we loaded up the pups she stood by and barked her disapproval, but made no attempt at aggression. Soon she was trapped in our large walk-in trap, I guess Col. Sanders chicken is irresistible.



Hey Lonely Boy



The story however does not end here. Soon we learned of "Coyote Boy", grieving the lost of his family, he cried piteously for days. He still lives in the desert alone, his many years as a stray has taught him well. After multiple attempts we have been unsuccessful in trapping him. An open cage has been left at his feeding site to help him become more familiar with the trap.

## President's Message

Please excuse our tardiness in bringing you this newsletter. But we have had many changes in the last six months. At the annual meeting in February all of our board changed, with the exception of Chris Cochran.

Thank you Chris for your diligent work.

Please allow me to introduce the present board. Our current board members are well versed in animal rescue.

I have been a working Vet Tech for 25 years and served as past president of Animal Crusaders.

Lisa Clore is also a past president and animal advocate for over 20 years.

Brian Hatcher was one of the first who rushed to site of the Katrina disaster and stayed long after many returned home. Brian still travels deep in Mexico to volunteer his skills as a Veterinary Technician.

Rebecca Lahey whose 10 years of Veterinary Technician experience has given her the necessary balance of skill and compassion.

Catherine Young's work as an investigator at the advocates office in Sells brings her into contact with the people and animals of the Tohono O'Odham Nation. She assisted in bringing the tribal veterinary program to Sells.

Carrie Miracle-Jordan is a military retiree and now trains horses and loves working with animals. She also serves on the Pima Trails Association board of directors.

Please feel free to contact us with your comments and suggestions. But please realize that we all work other full time jobs and that Animal Crusaders has no paid staff. We are all volunteers who give as much time as we can to a cause we believe in.

Rose Rice

## A Thank



## Great Big You!

**A very special thank you to Martha M. Schoessow. Her generous bequeath has eased the suffering of many animals.**

**Also in memorandum donation for Jean Shawl by Peter Keesal.**

To everyone who donates, your donations no matter large or small provides food and medical care to the most needy dogs. We wish you could be present to experience the thrill of feeding dogs who have never in their lives had enough to eat. Thanks to you we can make a difference.

Raytheon Employees for your support in calendar purchases and generous donations.

Petfinder.com for your donation to the displaced Katrina dogs.

Humane Society of Southern Arizona for dog food, collars and etc.

Employee contributing through E-Cap payroll dedications.

Our anonymous carpenter for the building of new dog feeders.

Santa Cruz Veterinary Clinic for numerous service and assistance with our animals.

To AC volunteers: Carmen Arrison, Debbie Walter, Ethel Basler, Kaycee and Ben Coe, Sally Weiner, Kathy Baker, Ron Goldberg, Becky Garcia, Suzanne Laursen, Jim Filipiak, Roxanne Green



## Ali Chuckson (Little Tucson)

We received a request to check on a house on the outskirts of Little Tucson. We had information of the home owner passing away and leaving approximately twenty-five dogs. However, we were ill prepared for the site of some fifteen adults and a dozen starving puppies.

Joyce Wong's TubTub (see home at last page)

We knew a rescue of all was not possible, for we have limited kennel space and only a few foster

homes. Our decision was to catch the semi-feral pups. The last survivors of an assortment of 3-4 different litters.

After months of rehab to treat a variety of health problems the pups are ready for adoption. The mother dogs are all spayed. We are hoping soon to bring them in for placement. Until then the residents of the house have agreed to feed them with food we provide.

This has been just one of numerous requests for assistance. We'd like to help with the other requests, but we need assistance with volunteers to provide these services. Your donations support the care and well being of these dogs and others like them.



Needy dogs near Ali Chuckson enjoying a rare meal.

## Home at Last!!!!



Daisy



Mia

Just a few of our lucky pups  
and their new homes!



Honey Bear



Max

Lulu



Joyce Wong and her adopted boys TubTub and

# ***Animals' Crusaders Adoptable***

## **Still searching for Homes**



**Abby**



**Angel**



**Annie**



**Blanche**



**Jefferson Davis**



**Pheobi**



**Robert Lee**



**Baby Girl**



**Captain**



**Shayla**



**Izzy (Deaf)**



**Ms. Boogie**



**Tasha**

Please see our web site at [www.ACofAZ.com](http://www.ACofAZ.com) for a complete listing of dogs available.  
See our web page to make donations using your VISA/MASTERCARDS.

## Entries in a Dog's Diary:

7am- Oh Boy! A walk! My Favorite!

8am- 7am- Oh Boy! Dog food! My Favorite!

9am- Oh Boy! The kids! My Favorite!

noon Oh Boy! The yard! My Favorite!

2pm- Oh Boy! A car ride! My Favorite!

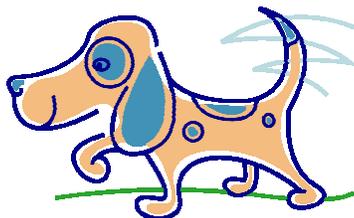
3pm- Oh Boy! The kids! My Favorite!

4pm- Oh Boy! Play ball! My Favorite!

6pm- Oh Boy! Welcome home Mom! My Favorite!

7pm- Oh Boy! Welcome home Dad! My Favorite!

8pm- Oh Boy! Dog food! My Favorite!



## Our Wish list

Land to build a permanent shelter

Donated or discounted printing services

Dog & Cat food or PetSmart gift cards

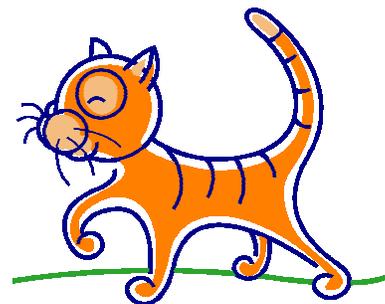
Carriers and chain link dog runs

Video camera

Computer, printer, scanner, etc.

Dog houses and beds.

Dollar donations to support all our efforts.



## Entries in Cat's Diary

Day 183 of my captivity... My captors continue to taunt me with bizarre little dangling objects. The dine lavishly on fresh meat. I am forced to eat dry cereal.

The only thing that keeps me going is the hope of escape, and the satisfaction I get from clawing the furniture.

Tomorrow I may eat another house plant. Today my attempt to kill captors by winding around their feet while they were walking almost succeeded. Must try this at the top of the stairs.

In an attempt to disgust and repulse these vile oppressors, I induced myself to vomit on their favorite chair. Must try this or bed. Decapitated a mouse and brought them the headless body in attempt to make them aware of what I am capable of, and to try to strike fear in their hearts. They only cooed and condescended about what a good little cat I was. Hmmmm, not working according to plan.

The was some sort of gathering of their accomplices. I was placed in solitary throughout the event. More important, I overheard that my confinement was due to my powers of inducing "allergies." Must learn what this is and how to use it to my advantage.

I am convinced the other captives are flunkies and maybe snitches. The dog is routinely released and seems more than happy to return. He is obviously a half-wit.

The bird, on the other hand, has got to be an informant. She speaks to them regularly. I am certain she reports my every one. Due to her current placement in the metal container, her safety is assured.

But I can wait; it is only a matter of time.



# ***Animals' Crusaders of Arizona***

## ***Foster Care Program***

The following information provides a brief overview of Animals' Crusaders foster care program.

**The need for foster families:** Animals' Crusaders does not have any permanent facility or shelter. All of our animals must be placed in foster homes or kennels while they wait to be adopted. We greatly prefer that our animals spend their time in foster homes because they provide a much richer and more loving environment for the animals. Unfortunately, there is perpetual shortage of loving foster homes which is why we hope that you will be able to help.

**Finding a permanent home:** Our goal is to find permanent, caring homes for all of our animals. At present, the only means we have for finding homes is showing the animals At Home Kennel. If you choose to become a foster home, we ask that you be willing to transport the animal(s) to and from the kennel a few times per month. Occasionally, we may be able to arrange transportation if the need arises.

**Animals' Crusaders pays the bills:** Animals' Crusaders will provide all food for the animal(s) you foster. We will also pay for all of the animal's veterinary care at one of several approved clinics around town.

**Choosing an animal:** If you decide to become a foster home, we will work with you to try to find animal (or animals) whose needs are compatible with yours. You will always be given some choice of animal(s). Generally, we have several dogs and cats who desperately need to be in home environments because they need attention, socialization, and/or medication.

**Commitment:** We ask that you be willing to make a minimum two month commitment. As anyone familiar with caring for animals know, having a dog or cat has its ups and downs. We ask for a two month commitment to ensure that our animals will enjoy some degree of stability and will not be discarded during the first "down".

Ideally, all of our animals would be adopted to first time they are shown, and this occasionally happens; however, many of our animals require long-term care while they wait patiently for us to find loving homes.

**Working with the animals:** Most of Animals' Crusaders dogs and cats have been rescued from abusive or neglected environments. Consequently, many of our animals appear very shy and withdrawn when they are placed in unfamiliar environments. While they may never completely recover from their early experiences, all of these animals benefit tremendously from a foster family's loving attention and patient attempts to socialize them.

## **Animals' Crusaders Foster Care Program**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to foster \_\_\_\_\_ dog's) and cat's) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Your support enable us to continue and even increase our efforts! 100% of you donation, whether time or financial, is directly put to use to help the animals. No donation is too great or too small.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes**, I would like to volunteer, please send me more information or have someone contact me regarding my involvement in making a change.

\_\_\_\_\_ **No**, I would not be able to volunteer my efforts at this time, but I would like to make a donation to increase your resources to help that extra animal.

Donations can be made to: Animals' Crusaders of Arizona, Inc. P.O. Box 31586 Tucson, AZ 85751-1586



## **Dog daze of summer**

Tank cools off while keeping a watchful eye on his tennis ball.

Tank and many others are keeping their cool waiting to be adopted.

We invite you to visit At Home Kennel at 9575 E. Millmar, 722-3162 every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday of the month between 8am and noon. Come meet you new best friend.



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