



SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

"Working together to improve the welfare of reservation dogs and cats"

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Girls to the rescue!

worked on socializing the shy ones. They had made colorful "Adopt me" bandanas for each dog and had goody bags on hand for new foster volunteers containing a leash, collar, bag of dog food and even a box of Girl Scout cookies!

Foster mom Marguerite's daughter, Catalina, also took part in the day for an honors project.

It was great to have all that youthful energy and the dogs really came out of their shells! We hope this is the beginning of a long partnership.

Since 1947, the Girl Scout handbook has proclaimed, "A Girl Scout is ready to help out wherever she is needed." Animal-loving Troop 6527 in Flagstaff, under the direction of Jillian

Metz, decided the rez dogs needed their help, and they stepped up!

At an adoption day at the Flagstaff PetSmart on April 16, the girls walked dogs, cleaned up after them and

The Numbers

For the months of March & April

27 new dogs/cats taken into foster care

24 adopted

59 dogs/cats in foster care looking for their forever homes

The Money

\$ 4,351 spent on veterinary services

\$ 3,489 spent on foster dog support/supplies

\$ 2,415 spent on transport

\$ 596 spent on community service/outreach

Ahehee' Thank you!

Betsy and Chris Brady, Cedar Animal Medical, Continental Animal Wellness, Kaibab Vet, Montezuma Veterinary Clinic, MASH, Nav Nation Veterinary Services, Rez Solutions, Dr. Sand, San Juan Veterinary Hospital, 3W Auto Accessory, S. Aldon, K. Arrington, K. Ashcraft & P. Simonson, J. Barbour, C&B Brady, J&C Enns, W&C Foote, L. Gilbert & T. Sharp, E. & A Hardin-Burrola, Elizabeth Harrington, S. Horoshko, L&M Krundieck, D. Lee & T. Beyers, J. Patterson & B. Peacock, L. Reed, R. Sherwin, David and Nancy Weeks and all who fostered, adopted, donated, prayed, or transported.

When rez dogs fly, high hopes are realized

We all know rez dogs have halos, but sometimes they also have wings!

The Four Corners is so saturated with rescue dogs that we have had to expand our territory farther and farther to get adoptions.

At the moment, most of the prospective adopters are coming from northern Colorado, a full day's drive



from where most of our dogs are.

Sarah, our volunteer in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, has been aggressively marketing Blackhat dogs on the Western Slope and Front Range and has

facilitated many adoptions, but organizing the transports

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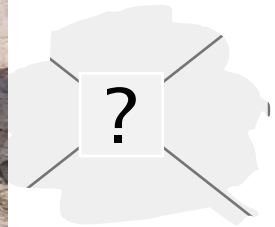
can take weeks, and it's a long drive over mountainous terrain.

Unless ... you do it by air. In late April, pilot David Weeks of Flagstaff and his wife, Nancy, approached us about flying some animals north. They would assume the cost and all we would need to do is write a verification letter for their taxes. As it happened, Sarah had found prospective homes for two dogs who were being fostered by Susan in Ramah and we were trying to get them north.

So Mongo, who had been in foster over two years, and Taylor, who had just recently come to Susan, boarded the Weekses' plane in Gallup and rode high over the Rockies to Boulder, Colo., where Sarah picked them up and delivered them to their new homes.

The round trip from Flagstaff to Gallup to Boulder and back to Flag took only a few hours, and David and his buddy Chuck, who accompanied him on the journey (and took all these wonderful photos), said they would be up to do it again!

We have high hopes for this new partnership.



Clockwise from top: Susan meets pilot Dave in Gallup to hand over Taylor and Mongo; The reluctant canines are herded into the aircraft by Susan, Pete and Dave; Taylor and Mongo settle in a bit uncertainly for the flight to Boulder; Sarah meets Dave and takes custody of the dogs in Boulder. Mongo then went to his forever home in Fort Collins, and Taylor went to Littleton on his second meet-and-greet.



WALTER ANDREW HOKE

Born 9/19/1951,
died 3/27/2023

Walter was a true steward of the earth. He didn't just talk the talk. He literally walked the walk.

He walked Sycamore Canyon every day until he couldn't walk anymore. He knew every trail, water source, and path.

Every Earth Day, he walked Garland Prairie Road and picked up trash. He then sorted the trash for recycling.

Walter was a great saver, never throwing away anything that might be needed at some point in the future.

Walter's dear friend Andy "Anton" Otero gifted him property near Sycamore Canyon. Walter built a house himself, and continued with his earth steward promise by being off grid, using a wood stove for heating, greenhouse for passive solar and growing food, getting water from the spring in the canyon, composting, setting up an amazing solar array for power, etc. His house started as one room but grew eventually into a tri-level.

Walter loved his family, friends, and getting together with friends for DDL - Dinner, Dominoes and Laughter.

Walter also loved animals, and was a long-time vegetarian. He joined wife Debbie Eastman Riches in fostering many dogs, puppies, cats and kittens. Most found adoptive homes, but a number of them became permanent members of Walter and Debbie's home.

Walter really enjoyed music, and created his own radio station, KWAH.

Walter and Debbie loved traveling and went to many places, including Paris, Amsterdam, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington, Utah, Vegas, Area 51. Walter had many adventures with friend Lee Gregory — backpacking at Mount Baldy, hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, road tripping from Arizona to the Canadian border and so many more fun camping trips.

He will be missed by many.

— *Debbie Eastman Riches*

ZOLTAN ARNOCZI

Zoltan Arnoczi died on Feb. 16, 2023. He was born in Hungary and escaped communism and came to the United States



as a political refugee in the early 70s.

Zoltan had a zany sense of humor and told corny jokes to all the nursing care staff that worked with him.

Zoltan was an avid Harley Davidson rider and went to Sturgis for many years.

Zoltan was an animal lover and his two rescue dogs, Fern and Cooper, often came to visit him at his nursing homes. His one-eyed cat, Winky, couldn't visit but Zoltan loved him equally.

Zoltan, your friends, neighbors and family will miss you enormously.

You were always an adventurer and a dreamer, and had a warm and generous heart. We wish you a wonderful last ride.

— *Margaret Quell*



NORDSTROM

Nordstrom was found in a Phoenix department store parking lot on a very hot day in 2009. I placed a couple ads about him but never found an owner. He was not the physical likeness of a dog that I gravitate toward. As it turns out we were just meant for each other. He passed away in May with love all around and his Blackhat adoptee sister Poppy looking on. He was at least 15 years old. — *Betsy Brady*

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B L A C K H A T H U M A N E S O C I E T Y



It's in the cards

Animal Art Works, our annual spring charity event with For Pets' Sake in Cortez, took a different tack this year.

Rather than commissioning new animal art for sale, then holding a gala gallery night where patrons could purchase full-size paintings to hang on their walls, some favorites from past years were printed on a 52-card deck of trading cards.

Patrons could buy a deck for \$60, then trade with others to get the cards they wanted. Each artist whose painting had been made into a trading card received a framed miniature of their work.

It was, as usual, a good party with excellent hor d'oeuvres and wine, and netted Blackhat over \$900! If you'd like a deck, there are some left over that can be yours for a \$60 donation.