



WINTER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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

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The story started with a frantic email to Blackhat. People had observed a black truck dump three scared pups near the vendor village at the Little Colorado Tribal Park near Cameron, Ariz. The two friendlier siblings were reportedly rescued by tourists but, with her cautious behavior, the remaining pup had thus far evaded being saved. A local resident was trying to feed her but the vendors kept shooing her away, so the poor pup was not getting much food or encouragement. It was suggested that she was too skittish and might need to be trapped. With the help of DPS Trooper Brishky (a kind trooper who has a way with dogs) and experienced trapper Teresa Schumann of Northern Arizona Animal Search and Rescue, her life was about to change. With Trooper Brishky slowly feeding her dog food with a spoon (while the pup

dodged the slip lead), Teresa rushed up from Flagstaff to set up a trap and it took less than 10 minutes to secure the hungry pup. Teresa kindly took her to High Country Humane to get her vaccinated and wormed and a wonderful BH foster, Kendra from Gallup, drove over to get her. Kendra felt her friendly dogs would be willing participants in helping turn her around. At Teresa's suggestion, Kendra named her "Cammie," short for Cameron. Cammie spends a lot of her time in the master bathroom where she can decompress and have consistent familiar surroundings. She ventures out as she feels ready and is comforted by Kendra's other dogs. It sometimes takes many caring animal-loving people to put together a story such as this and we are grateful to all who helped.

The Numbers

For 2025: 103 animals adopted; 14 transported to other rescues; 47 still in foster care

The Money

2025: Vet \$43,332;
Foster supplies \$29,181;
Transport \$6,326;
Community outreach and support \$13,581

Ahehee' Thank you!

Airport Animal Hospital,
Continental Animal Wellness, Kaibab Veterinary Clinic,
Montezuma Veterinary Clinic, Nav Nation Veterinary Services,
Prescott Animal Hospital, Rez Solutions, San Juan Veterinary Hospital, Dr. Sand, Dr. J Karcsinski, K. Ashcraft, P. Simonson, C. Beck, J & K Enns, P. Giordano, G & J Gipple, C. Greiner, E. Hardin-Burrola, J. Hoit, D. Gruber, J. Jim, N. Shinn, J. Kimbrough, L&M Krumdieck, D. Lee, T. Bevers, L. Magruder, D. McAllister, A. O'Leary, D. Paxton, C. Paine, J & L Pratt, M. Quell, J&N Reuter, M&M Russell, A. Seavall, B. Sharrow, H. Spitz, E. Stabler, K&B Stevens, P. Stovall, and all who contributed in any way.

Sometimes, it takes a village

— By Toby Frost

In Memoriam

... of our grand-dog, Piper Bea Gallagher — *Darcy and Tim Gallagher*
... of Joey, faithful companion of Lisa Elenz, and Django, Liz Close's beloved furry friend — *Marsha, Randy and Chaco Kearney*
... of Chris Cape. We miss her and are very grateful for Cinder, the wonderful blue heeler mix she brought into our lives. — *John Reuter*
... of Murphy, a wonderful boy. We miss him so much. — *Gina Barborek*
... of Anita Tsosie — *P. Rauscher*

In Honor

... of Michelle — *Faith Bennett*
Kevin and Ned — *V. Numkena*
Letty's 9-year gotcha day — *L. Gilbert*
Rex — *J&P Pratt*

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Pitty party: *Jasmine's* woeful eyes win her a berth in foster

When Margaret spotted the big thin-coated sad-eyed shivering pit mix dog near her workplace, you could hear her sigh around the world. She was an avid dog rescuer for Blackhat but it had just taken her 18 months to get another pitty mix adopted (granted with some daunting challenges) and she was emotionally exhausted from that effort. But, she could not turn her back on those beseeching blue eyes. The dog proved to be easily handled once captured. Margaret looked at her resignedly and said, "There is no room in the inn." Hence she named her Mary for the mother of Jesus. Christmas was right around the corner and it was bitter cold on the reservation. Mary, now Jasmine, had been a recent drop-off around the health clinic where Margaret worked. She was happy to be touched all over and gave you the cutest wiggle-butt

when you scratched the right spots. So it began again and Margaret located a hefty man to help lift her into her truck where she snuggled next to Margaret, knowing her luck was about to change. Luckily for Mary/Jasmine, a long time BH transporter and volunteer hero for the spay/neuter clinics across the reservation, said he could take her in a few weeks. So Margaret worked with her a bit on getting comfortable in a vehicle and walking on a leash. Chuck took over in 2 weeks as promised. Since he lives in the Phoenix area, the warmer weather is much more to Jasmine's liking and she has settled in quickly. She will be a great addition to a loving home who appreciates this goofy, endearing breed. You can learn more about her on Blackhat's Petfinder site.

— **Toby Frost**

