

CRUSADERS CHRONICLES

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CHARLOTTE'S STORY

Charlotte was found on the side of the road at Westover and Valencia. The out of place bed quilt caught the eye of a kind woman who alerted us to Charlotte's plight. The blood stains on the quilt attest to the fact that the emaciated Shar Pei mix had been left there to whelp her litter. Though Charlotte attempted to warm and comfort a struggling pup, the effort was useless as he had suffered a serious wound [probably a predator had struck the previous night]. Also on the quilt lie a small child's shoe box, which contained the body of the only other pup found. Was it placed in the box

alive or just as a method of disposal? Whoever dumped her there had emptied a bag of pretzels next to her. She was taken to the hospital where x-rays determined all of her puppies were born and blood tests found no underlying diseases besides malnutrition. With the love and care of her foster mom Ethel Basler, Charlotte thrived and she found her forever home at Petco adoptions last week. Charlotte's new family includes a 7 year old child who she took to immediately. I am not surprised, as I remember the shoebox.



Charlotte's arrival at her new foster



Day after hosting a sleep over with seven 8 year old girls!!!!!!



Charlotte's dump site!!!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

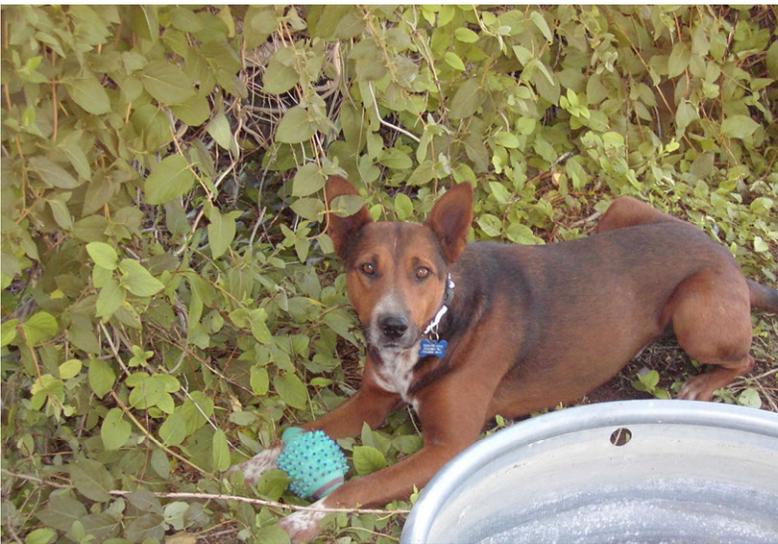
Our current newsletter is devoted strictly to "in town" rescues. As you, our loyal supporters know, 99% of our efforts are concentrated on the Tohono O'odham Reservation, straining our resources with its vast area encompassing 2,773,357 acres. AC also receives a variety of in town calls for help on our voicemail line. The majority of calls can be assisted with information regarding low or no cost spay/neuter programs, how to re-home an unwanted pet and of course referring to PAC problems with a neighbor whose dog is without adequate shelter. For some calls however, we are the last chance thus, the only safety net. These feral and unsocialized dogs try to fend for themselves, they wait for a kind person to take notice of their suffering. Often we are the last resort. We hope to always be able to help on their behalf. Our small, hometown organization survives on your donations, with only a hand full of board members and volunteers,

Johnny's Story

People ask how dogs become so un-socialized that the need to trap arises. Johnny is one example. Born to a mother who had very little human contact, her owner, who never wanted a litter of pups,

just never got around to spaying her.. The rest of Johnny's litter died. He was the only survivor and his only companion, his mother, was soon taken away. He grew up on a couple of acres West of town, lying on the porch when the owner was away, Johnny thought he lived there. After all, it was all he ever knew, scrounging garbage to eat and staying clear of people was his fulltime job. When the owner had had enough of Johnny's barking (Johnny thought he was the watch dog) he called Pima Animal Care Center to remove the small brown dog. Johnny, ever so resourceful, escaped the PAC officer with the snare pole in hand while the owner chased him on a quad motorcycle. Just a few days later, he was caught by the neck with a snare, bound and placed in the back of a pick up truck and hauled away. Once again, the determined pup chewed his ropes off and jumped from the truck. The owner thought, at last he was rid of the pest, only to find Johnny stagger back the next day to the only home he had ever known. Here is where

Johnny's life improves. We were trapping in the neighborhood for a



Johnny with his favorite toy!

Some of the feral pups trapped with Johnny



SUNNY'S STORY

I was called to pick up a dog that had been hit by a car and the owners wanted him put to sleep. I picked him up (he never once cried or tried to bite me) and placed him in the back of the AC van. As I was heading straight to the clinic, I felt something tugging at my arms. It was Sunny. He dragged himself from the back of the van to the front and wanted to be loved. I knew then that we had to save him. He did lose his back right leg, but he does not know that. He still plays and runs with the other dogs and now even gets onto the couch with me. Seeing Sunny go about his day puts a smile on my face. When I think of the day I picked him up and where he is now, it makes me feel very proud to be part of a rescue organization whose primary mission is to help save the animals that no one else would even think about bringing home. He loves picking up his tennis ball and walks very proudly with it. Sunny, now



ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

AC is pursuing a home of our own!!

Although our organization has maintained an active presence in animal rescue since 1955, we have never had a facility of any kind. We have faithfully rented spaces at a local kennel (thank you At Home Kennel) we have maintained our files at board members houses for many years.

The advantages of a permanent shelter include increasing the number of rescues, extended viewing hours for our dogs for adoption as well as a more extensive volunteer program.

Donations as well as suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

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

**A
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**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU!!!

At Home Kennel for holding our 2nd annual dog wash, which raised \$1250.

Mission View RV Park for their monetary donations, blankets, and dog food.

Advance Automobile (722-3634) for TLC for our van

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WISH LIST

- 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
- Chain link dog runs

VITAL STATISTICS

In our current fiscal year to date, we have 48 adoptions, spayed 68 & neutered 66 animals!

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