



Mrs. Mary
Rodgers &
her brother
needed you.
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inside.

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from the korner kennel

Flexibility.

A precious donor once told me "if you don't bend with the wind, you're going to die." These words of wisdom were spoken in an enduring southern drawl and have proven to be sage advice.

In animal welfare flexibility is key.

Because we never know what opportunities will be presented at a moment's notice or when we will be called upon to save lives.

That's what happened late Friday, April 29, when the plea came to assist the Animal Welfare Coalition (AWC) of Northeastern New Mexico shelter in Las Vegas, New Mexico who were in the path of the combined Calf's Canyon & Hermit's Peak fires.

Driving toward the fire was ominous. We could see & taste the smoke from the outskirts of town, and view the flames once arriving at AWC. It was likely, but not yet known, the entire shelter would have to be evacuated. We left with 19 dogs, who were lovingly received by our Animal Care & Adoptions Teams following our 127-mile journey home.

From that phone call to writing these words, from my heart to yours, many parts have moved & continue churning on behalf of pets.

With your support we set up temporary kennels at NMDOG and relocated them 72 hours later to the Santa Fe Fairgrounds evacuation shelter. We delivered kibble, bedding, carriers & office supplies to aid the tracking of pets at the Glorieta evacuation headquarters, which was being overseen by Bernalillo County Animal Care



Donna with
Oslo

& Control staff. And we moved our shelter pets into foster care to create space for more dogs, transferred in cats from the Santa Fe Animal Shelter & Humane Society allowing them to harbor owned felines, and we requested donations of needed items from our generous donors to further support pets & owners displaced by the fires ...the pieces keep moving & snapping into place.

Animal Humane's flexibility happens because of you! Thank you for playing a crucial role in our life-saving work!

Donna M. Stumpf,
Executive Director

Ava's BIG Change

*your support gave a once
anxious dog tips to settle
into her forever family*



When we are scared or anxious, our pets have the amazing ability to comfort us. Their closeness & dependability make us certain that we can overcome any obstacles life sends our way. But when the situation is reversed, and our pets need our help to destress, finding the right resources are crucial to ensure they lead happy & healthy lives.

When Ava first came to Animal Humane, she was an excited ball of energy. Because she couldn't control her constant tail-wagging, a sign of her lively disposition, our Clinic Team needed to treat her for repeatedly knocking it against hard surfaces – a condition known as happy tail. **This Black Lab had so much love to give, and, thankfully, she had you to make sure she received the veterinary care & time she needed to find her new family.**

A week after Ava's arrival, the peppy pup went home with Julia & her family. As Julia explains, Ava's name was a good omen from the start. "Our son's favorite book at the time was called Ava's Spectacular Spectacles, so we took it as a sign that she was meant to be ours."

Although Ava was safe & sound



in a loving home, she, like many precious pets, found it hard to find ways to harness all of her energy. "Ava's early days were an adventure," said Julia. "She managed to jump out of our backyard, chew her collar off and take herself on a walk around the neighborhood."

Initially, Julia & her family struggled to make sure that Ava had ways to keep herself mentally and physically stimulated, so she would be safe at home. And, when they needed help the most, they knew to turn to our Behavior Team for advice. "We contacted Animal Humane for behavior help and I am forever grateful for the tips &

support we received," explained Julia. "Ava took an obedience class, we received several great tips from the Behavior Helpline & a dog trainer [from The Center at Animal Humane] came to our house to observe us, where she showed us how to train Ava and help her burn off her energy."

Ava & her new family faced a difficult adjustment period, but you stepped into their lives & provided them with the tools to make Ava's second chance count!

Today, Ava fits in perfectly with Julia & her lovely family: "It wasn't until recently that I realized a change had taken place...she is the best dog. She has grown with our kids & family. She is protective, loyal, loving, patient, and super smart...She no longer escapes our backyard and loves to run & play outside."

Once anxious & unable to focus her energy, your generosity made sure that Ava remained with Julia & her family. Thank you for giving pets like Ava hope & support!

If you have questions regarding your pet's behavior, please contact our Behavior Helpline at **505.938.7900** or **BehaviorHelpline@AnimalHumaneNM.org**.

| cover story

Two Blind Cats ...



Wilikins



Mrs. Mary Rodgers

find hope & healing through Animal Humane

Surrendered to Animal Humane last fall, Wilikins and his sister, Mrs. Mary Rodgers, couldn't see very well.

Our Clinic Team immediately went to work to diagnose Wilikins & Mary. Because both cats were blind at a young age, genetically related, and had shared the same environment, our Team considered genetic

as well as infectious causes for their surprising blindness. After a thorough work up, however, our veterinarians determined that the origins were neither infectious nor metabolic.

Luckily, Wilikins & Mary had you by their side to guide them through life's challenges and into loving forever homes.

We sent the siblings for a special retinal exam with a

veterinary ophthalmologist. The ophthalmologist concluded that Wilikins & Mary had progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), a condition that caused their eye cells to prematurely deteriorate.

Further complicating our care of these sweet felines — both were significantly overweight. And, although there is no cure for PRA, our Clinic and Animal

Care Teams were able to work with both cats to lose weight. Wilikins & Mary were placed on a special diet plan to manage their obesity. To encourage movement the Team introduced new toys and used food-based puzzles for feeding. As a result, Wilikins and Mary lost three pounds each. **And, best of all, both cats were adopted by owners ready to care for their special needs.**

Wilikins & Mary have already made quite the impact on their adopters. When Wilikin's adopter, Noah Friz, first saw the white feline, he noted that the cat's lovability immediately sealed the deal. "It was the cute chubby face and adorably large eyes that drew us in initially. We knew it would take some work to

get him to a healthier place but felt it would be worth it."

Likewise, after Charles Benefiel took Mrs. Mary Rodgers home, he found that the cat's special needs were no match for her loving demeanor. "Mary has a beautiful and sweet personality and is oblivious to challenges due to her sight and weights issues," says Charles. "My favorite thing that she does is feel my face with her paws in a full embrace while giving me face rubs with her nose."

Thanks to you, both cats are free to play with toys, bond with new friends & family members, and live comfortably despite having special needs. For Wilikins & Mary, the road forward is already looking clearer!

FUR THE RECORD

Every adoption, spay/neuter surgery and bag of pet food assistance is the direct result of your generous donations. But did you know you can increase your support of Animal Humane and pets in need with just a few clicks and little to no additional work? Here are three quick ways:



Amazon shopper? Choose Animal Humane New Mexico on Amazon Smile! When you select us as the charity you support, our pets will receive .5% of your eligible purchases. It may not seem like much, but it eventually adds up. Since 2014, we've received almost \$11,000 through this program.



Do you shop at Smith's (or another Kroger brand grocery store)? Sign up for a digital Rewards Card and select Animal Humane New Mexico as your Community Rewards partner. Use your Rewards card at checkout and Animal Humane will receive a percentage of the funds that Kroger has set aside for participating organizations.



Download ResQWalk and turn it on when you are out and about. ResQWalk, a program of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, receives a monthly donation that is split between participating organizations based on how many miles participants have walked (or biked), and all you have to do after signing up is click "Start Walk!" You can post photos of your furry walking buddy and see where we fall on the leaderboard at any given moment right in the app.

We can't thank you enough for all you do to help cats & dogs across the state of New Mexico. You truly make every life-saving day possible.

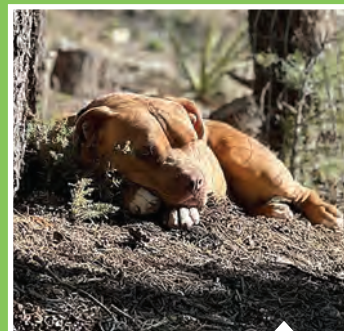
PUPDATES & CATCH-UPS



Kyody visiting his first National Park!



Loki is living his best life!



Kosmo is a great addition to our family!

Have you adopted a pet from Animal Humane?

Send us an update & photo to PupDate@AnimalHumaneNM.org!

Kazzy

from rescued to rescuer

When Kazzy, an eight-month-old Australian Shepherd cross, arrived at Animal Humane, she was looking for a new forever family to rescue her from loneliness and shower her with love. Little did Kazzy know, however, that she would go on to rescue a member of her new family when they needed her the most.

Fortunately, you were there to give Kazzy the time & care she needed to wait for the day she would meet her perfect match.

And it was a bright fall morning when that day finally arrived. Karen Dorweiler had travelled to our Main Campus to rescue a companion puppy for her older dog, Mia. "Adoption was really easy," explained Karen. "I arrived in the morning and told the folks at the desk which dog I wanted to see after looking at the website. I was already on file from previous visits and the Adoptions Team gave me plenty of time before I made my decision."

From the moment she saw Kazzy on our website, Karen knew the young pup was the perfect fit for her household. "I was looking for a puppy because my older dog could adjust to one easily. I am also very fond of herding breeds, having competed in dog agility with my previous pets some years ago, so when I saw the blue merle puppy, I made plans to get to Animal Humane! The breed really doesn't matter; Kazzy is the sweetest little dog."

After Karen adopted Kazzy, and the new pup began adjusting to her forever home, Karen found that not only was Kazzy sweet, but she also possessed instincts that had the potential to help her family members. This was the case when



Kazzy saved Karen's mother from choking in the middle of the night.

"My mother has diabetes and one night she had a sugar low between 2-3 am. She got something to eat in the kitchen, swallowed the wrong way and began to cough. Kazzy heard the commotion and let out a small bark. This woke me, but when I called her up to bed, she continued to look at my bedroom door. Something was amiss, so I got up, finally hearing my mother was in trouble and made sure she was ok. I was able to help my mom calm down and she was very thankful to have someone to help. I am very glad Kazzy did this; there was a real chance my mother could've fallen. I find that I sleep a lot better knowing Kazzy can wake me if something similar happens again."

Your generosity and kindness gave Kazzy a second chance, and she used hers to rescue a family member in trouble. Now that Kazzy has proven to be an invaluable addition to her new family, she's settling in quite nicely with her siblings. She often sleeps at the foot of Karen's bed with Cara the Calico and plays chase in the mornings with Mia. **The sky's the limit for Kazzy, and she owes it all to you!**

Zabrina and Cici



In May of 2016, I visited the Animal Humane New Mexico website looking for a pet to open my home to. Someone to cuddle, play, and take naps on the couch with: a companion.

I saw the Featured Pet of the Week was a gorgeous black cat with beautiful green eyes and a cropped ear. It was love at first sight.

I immediately went down to their Campus to meet her and Cici & I have been best friends ever since!

There is this stigma attached to black cats for bringing bad luck, but I feel like the luckiest person in the world sharing my home with one. Cici's personality, quirky attitude, love, and our common distaste for peas, bring so much joy and comfort to my life.

I became a Humane Hero monthly donor soon after adopting Cici. Animal Humane New Mexico gives people the opportunity to find their future best friends and to experience the love and joy animals bring into our lives. A modest monthly donation that goes toward providing care for these animals and helping them along the way to find their forever homes is so important and makes it all worth it! Thank you, Animal Humane New Mexico!

—Zabrina Baca



Humane Heroes give automatically each month through withdrawals from checking, savings or credit card accounts.

To learn more, please call 505.938.7938 or visit AnimalHumaneNM.org/Heroes.

compassion & community: improving literacy in the next generation of animal welfare leaders

Since fall of 2021, Animal Humane has been partnering with Global Give-A-Book. Global Give-A-Book's mission is to ensure that no child, regardless of socioeconomic status, is without a book. Each month, Sylvia Maser, Global Give-A-Book's Executive Director delivers new, hard cover, award-winning children's books to a variety of community partners all over Albuquerque, including Animal Humane, for free.

Their mission aligns closely with that of our Humane Education

program, and with the help of Sylvia's German Shephard, Daisy, Global Give-A-Book, encourages

children to read 15 minutes a day to a pet or stuffed animal. **Reading aloud to a cat or dog provides children a safe space to practice reading without fear of judgement.** It also allows them to bond with their pet. Through the "Reading to Shephard Daisy"



program, Sylvia has donated over 300 books to children coming through Animal Humane's doors.

Whether your child is an avid reader, or needs extra reading support, consider signing up for Animal Humane's Page Pals program. This program offers children ages 6-15 the opportunity to volunteer by reading to our feline residents. Learn more about joining Page Pals, by emailing NewVolunteer@AnimalHumaneNM.org or about Global Give-A-Book at ggab.org.

Volunteer of the Year Kate Cooper



Kate Cooper & Leia

As a Dog Walking Team Lead, Kate is well-known for going above & beyond, not just for our shelter dogs, but for other volunteers as well. During the pandemic, Kate became one of two lead Dog Walking Mentors, spending countless hours training new Dog Walking Volunteers and mentoring them to become qualified Advanced Dog Walkers. Her excellent dog handling skills & a soft spot for our long-term residents has improved the lives of our shelter pets. She takes the initiative to identify dogs needing the most help, and she goes the extra mile to help them thrive by taking them on Doggie Dates to her house or enriching their stay on Campus through Nose Work. Animal Humane is honored to recognize her as a treasured volunteer. Thank you Kate!

2022

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1,001 Pets
Outgoing

25 Pets Received
Behavior
Modification

785 Total
Surgeries
including
Spay/Neuter

Numbers reflect 2022 statistics through March 2022.



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