



You saved  
Savannah's life!  
Read how inside.

# Paws *for* Thought

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## from the korner kennel treating them like our own

Many of our shelter's distinguished programs are in the public eye. Others are behind the scenes, particularly when it comes to daily enrichment for our shelter pets — as well as cats and dogs who need added attention to build their confidence; or, quite literally, learn new tricks.

Daily our magnificent Behavior Team, led by Jessica Harder Leeson, employs newly researched and creative techniques to achieve her goal of ensuring "every shelter pet feels happiness." Her strategy begins with each pet being treated uniquely. Given

that there are no time limits on a pet's stay at Animal Humane, our Behavior Team focuses on their contentment and forward progress. The sample listing (below) of enrichment is compounded with collaboration across departments, as continuous monitoring of our pets' physical and emotional behaviors is key to their success.

Beyond enrichment, our Team enrolls new arrivals in Behavior Modification (B-Mod) when needed, so that pets may experience additional training 3x daily. Customized B-Mod plans focus on establishing routines and successful habits



so graduated cats & dogs may confidently introduce themselves to adopters — and training may continue in their new homes.

Thank you for helping us give our pets the best possible lives! You truly make their daily happiness, healing journeys and next chapters possible.

With gratitude,

Donna M. Stumpf  
Executive Director

### DAILY ENRICHMENT FOR SHELTER PETS

#### CATS

- Cuddles & play 2x daily
- Communal living with enclosed patios & sunny windowsills
- Calming honeysuckle spray
- Reading for shy cats
- Feline music & books on tape
- Ping pong balls with cat nip
- Pheromone diffusers
- Dedicated "Shy Cat" housing

#### DOGS

- Dog walks 2x daily
- Fetch & playgroups in the dog park
- Calming & engaging scent sticks
- Broth pupsicles with treat centers
- Nose work games for stimulation
- Wobblers & Kongs
- Canine music & books on tape
- Reading to shy dogs

Our Behavior Team with dogs Manny & Jack

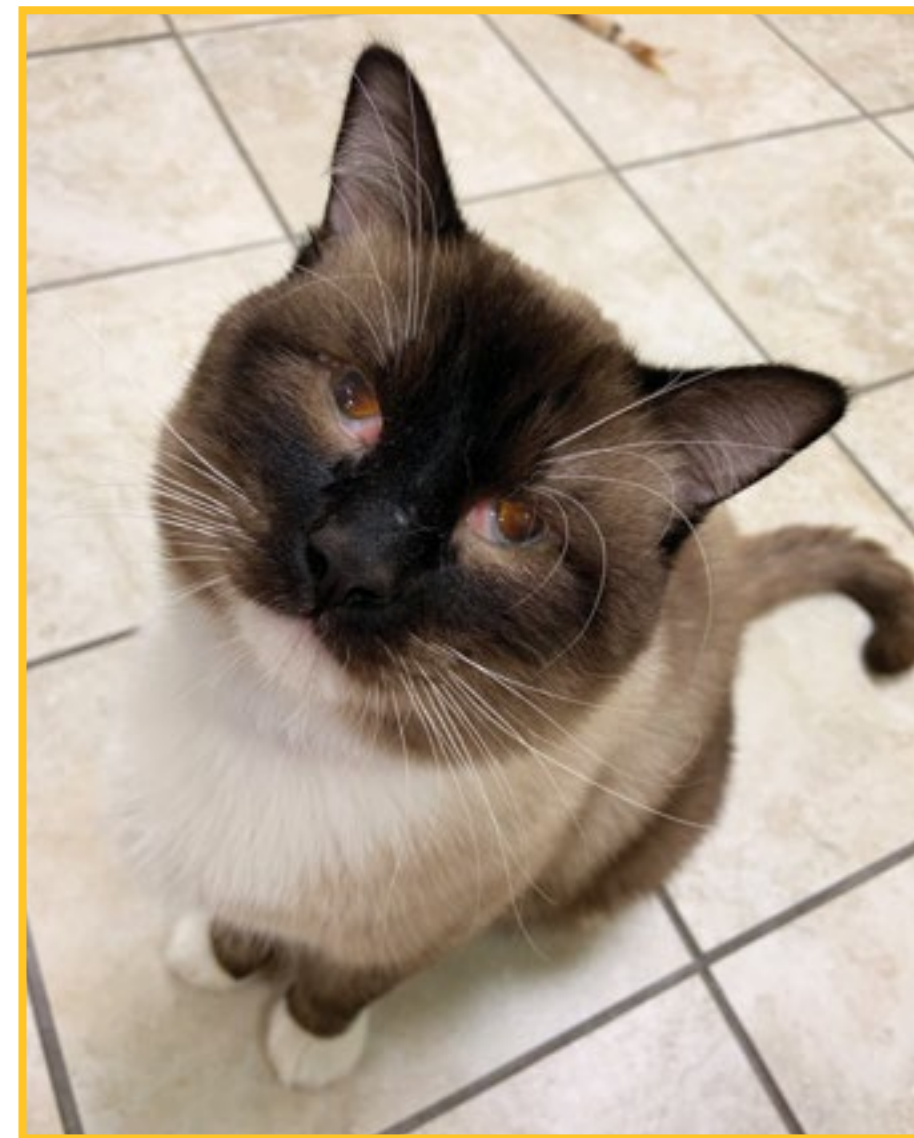


# DAREDEVIL

## RECRUITS NEW SIDE KICKS

Living up to his namesake, Daredevil is a true superhero. At 2 years old, this Snowshoe has overcome tremendous adversity in his short life. When he arrived at Animal Humane as a stray, **Daredevil didn't react when our team spoke**, or even when we tried to attract his attention. He also seemed oblivious to the presence of other cats. Tuned in to the needs of our pets, our Animal Care Team suspected that he was both blind and deaf.

**Because of friends like you**, Daredevil was able to visit our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic, where we confirmed his hearing and vision loss. Our Team also discovered that Daredevil has hypermetria in his hind legs — a condition that causes involuntary muscle movements. Unfortunately, hypermetria, like Daredevil's vision and hearing



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loss, is irreversible. Thankfully, these obstacles are not life-threatening and don't cause Daredevil any pain.

Daredevil's true superpower is the fact that he doesn't let these conditions stand in his way. Each day he showed us that his circumstances weren't going to negatively impact his quality of life. In fact, our Team reports he's one of the most affectionate and fun-loving cats we've ever cared

for! **Like you, we know that purr-fect pets come in all shapes, sizes and abilities**, and with your help we are able to find thousands of them homes each year.

After 18 days in our loving care, Daredevil found the perfect sidekicks — compassionate individuals willing to open their hearts and their home to a champion cat who just needs a little extra devotion in exchange for lots of extra love.



# SAVING THE LIVES

## of mom and her pups



**It takes a village to raise a family and you played a huge part in helping Savannah succeed as a mother.**

**W**hen her previous family packed up their belongings and moved out of their home, Savannah was left behind. The beautiful Catahoula Leopard Dog had just given birth to eight puppies when she found herself abandoned and alone.

As a new mom, Savannah did her best to feed and shelter her babies. But it was a struggle, especially without her humans around. **The 1-and-a-half-year-old needed a little support.** It was compassionate friends like you who stepped in to rescue Savannah and her newborn puppies, showing her that there are people she can count on.

Savannah was found by helpful humans who took the whole family to the Bernalillo County shelter. **But the little family needed extra care,** so they were transferred to us at Animal Humane through our Project Fetch program.

At our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic, all nine dogs finally received the care and affection they needed. Savannah and her babies — Houston, Sahara, Tecalote, China, Montegaux, Asia, Capri & Calipso — were treated for parasites they had acquired living as strays and with your help, they were gently nursed back to health.

The family also spent time in the home of some devoted friends who volunteer as Foster Caregivers. In the quiet and coziness of a temporary home, the eight playful puppies were able to grow. When Savannah's babies were ready, the proud mom watched as each of them was adopted.

Savannah could rest assured knowing her strong, healthy babies would have everything they need with their new, adoring families in their very own homes.

**Our compassionate Foster Care Givers have opened their hearts and homes to 197 puppies, kittens and their mothers so far in 2019.**

It was now time for mom to care for herself. Like all the pets who leave Animal Humane, Savannah was spayed, vaccinated, microchipped and loved while she

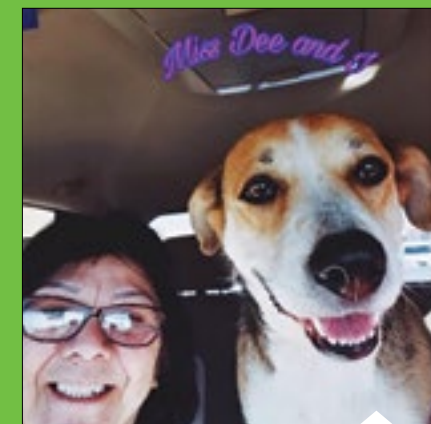
was here. Six weeks after her arrival, Savannah turned her natural charm on and found a family who promises to love her forever.

**Your loving and support not only saved Savannah's life, you saved this entire Catahoula Family. Thank you.**



**Our dedicated team of 204 Foster Caregivers assists our cats & dogs by gifting their time and compassion. If you would like to join this team and experience the joys of fostering families like Savannah's contact our Foster Care Team at 505.938.7897 or email FosterCare@AnimalHumaneNM.org.**

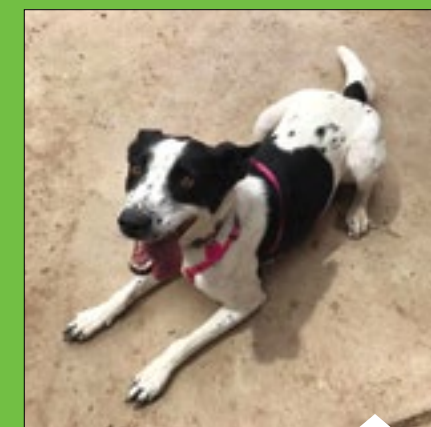
## & PUPDATES CATCH-UPS



Adopted this cutie Delilah, "Miss Dee" for short. We struck GOLD with her; she is such a love.



Mookie is now the new king of the house who enjoys kisses.



When the rest of the family is ready for a break, Orla Dog still wants to play!!

Have you adopted a pet from Animal Humane? Send us an update & photo to PUPdates@AnimalHumaneNM.org!



# SECURE YOUR LEGACY FOR THE PEOPLE, CAUSES AND PETS YOU LOVE

Creating a will is one of the most important ways you can support the people and causes you cherish. Yet many people put it off, because they think it's too complicated or expensive.

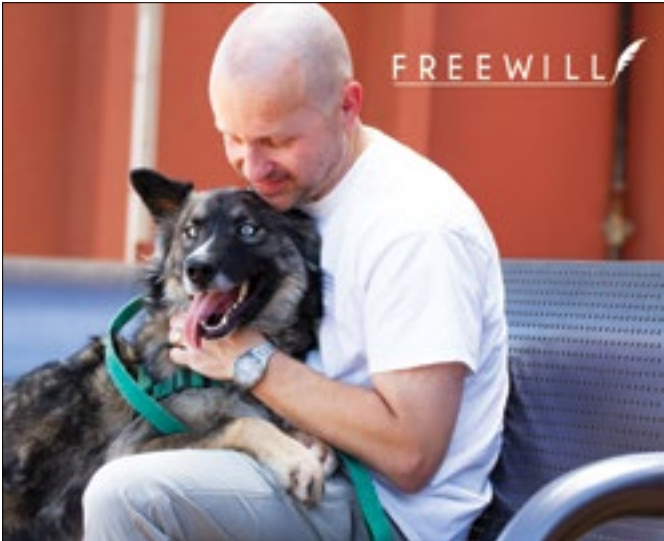
Animal Humane is partnering with FreeWill to give you an easy, no-cost way to write a legally valid will online. We're excited to offer this gift free-of-charge to help ensure your love of pets lives on indefinitely!

The service is free whether or not you choose to leave a gift to Animal Humane. But,

FreeWill makes it easy to designate a gift to homeless pets as part of your estate. When you do, you'll be improving the lives of New Mexico's cats and dogs for many decades to come.

If you're working with an attorney on your estate plans, you can also use FreeWill to document and organize your wishes, saving you time & money.

To get started today, visit [FreeWill.com/AnimalHumaneNM](https://FreeWill.com/AnimalHumaneNM) to begin your will. It takes an average of just 20 minutes and you can save your work for future updates.



To learn more about FreeWill, including Animal Humane New Mexico in your will, or planning for pets beyond your lifetime, contact Stephanie Miller, Director of Major Gifts, at 505.938.7919 or [StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org](mailto:StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org).

# Chicago plays his way into gamers' hearts

Customers walking into a video game store probably aren't expecting to see a cat playing games on top of the checkout counter. Yet, that's just what you'll find at Gamer's Anonymous in Albuquerque. This local business, one of our Cats Around Town (CAT) partners, hosts adoptable felines, like Chicago, in their stores.

Found as a stray, this striking feline was originally surrendered to a rural shelter in Aztec, New Mexico. With your help this small cat, weighing less than 10 pounds, was transferred through our Project Fetch program to Animal Humane. When he

arrived, our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic Team neutered Chicago and declared him healthy and ready for adoption.

An extremely affectionate & playful personality won Chicago a coveted spot at Gamers Anonymous ... a placement designed to increase a pet's exposure to potential adopters. In his eight days there, the 5-year-old tuxedo cat pranced his way across shelves and countertops, charming every person he met.

Before long, Chicago was adopted into a family who enjoys cuddling with cats just as much as they love playing their gaming

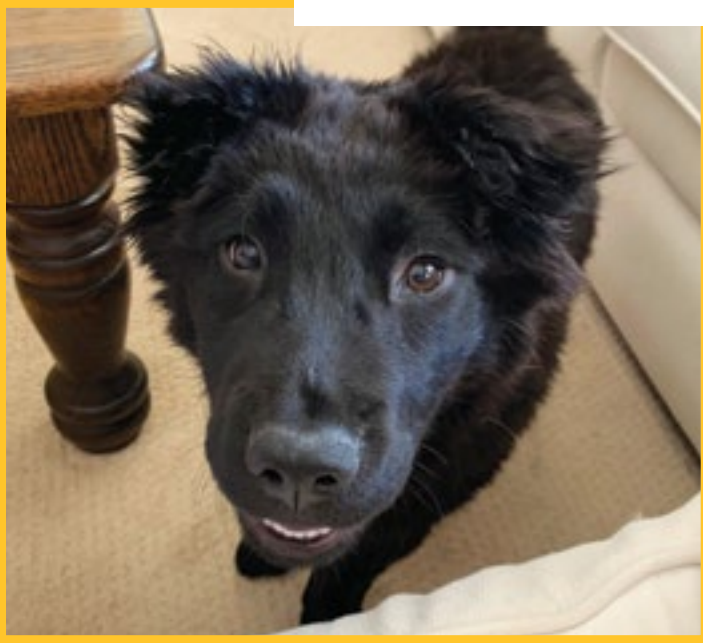
Meet one of the 215 cats adopted this past fiscal year through our Cats Around Town Partners!

consoles, and this handsome fellow is already an expert at combining the two. With your love, Chicago found his new squad — allowing him to level up in the game of life.



To learn more about our Cats Around Town program contact Angelica Maldonado, Cat Program & Rescue Manager, at [CAT@AnimalHumaneNM.org](mailto:CAT@AnimalHumaneNM.org) or 505.264.5919.

# TRINA'S (DIRT) ROAD TO RECOVERY



One spring day a kindhearted neighbor heard a distressing cry. Following the sound, she found a tiny puppy alone on the mesa just outside of Albuquerque. The

little Australian Shepard Flat Coated Retriever cross was attempting to find help even as she struggled to walk.

The sweet dog was fighting for her life and it

was your generosity that gave her a second chance.

The 10-week-old, named Trina, was brought to Animal Humane where our caring Team could join her fight.

Our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic discovered she had a Capital Physéal fracture of the femur — a break in the bone's growth plate. Trina's injuries would require surgery, as well as intensive physical therapy.

Because we anticipated a long recovery time, Trina qualified for our Medical Recovery Foster program. This allowed the baby girl to find her adoptive family before surgery and to recuperate in the comfort of her

own home under the watchful eyes of her new, loving family.

Following her operation, Trina's exercise was restricted, which was very difficult for the happy puppy who simply wanted to play. Fortunately, her new family knew just how to help her play safely as they helped her through physical therapy twice a day for five weeks under the direction of our Veterinary Team.

Trina's willpower, her new family's dedication and your wonderful support, healed this young dog's wounds and restored her spirit. Now five months old, this lucky girl is filled with joy when she is free to run, play chase and dig in the dirt — finally living the life of her dreams!



Gamers Anonymous does more than host cats at their two locations! When our Thrift Shop receives donations of video game systems or video games, which we are unable to sell, Gamers Anonymous buys them from us.

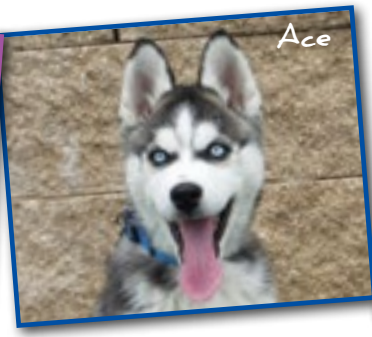
When you donate to our Thrift Shop, you help homeless pets, and you give local businesses the chance to help them too!





# NOV. 3 Balloon Fiesta Park Albuquerque

*Register today at:*  
**DoggieDashAndDawdle.org**



Yes, I want to give homeless pets a better life!

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$150 ☐ My best gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ Your kind gift makes a difference!

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