

Happy Tails NEWSLETTER



Friends of PACC is the official nonprofit partner to Pima Animal Care Center, working to enhance PACC's efforts to save the lives of pets in need.

Friends of PACC Wins Best Non-Profit & Best of Show Awards!

Arizona Daily Star Readers' Choice Awards bestows "Best Non-Profit" to Friends of PACC—for the third year in a row! Also receives "Best of Show" Award! **Page 3**



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The Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade returns to historic 4th Avenue

The Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade returns to 4th Avenue Sunday, February 19, 2023! Friends of PACC's signature fundraising and community event promises to be bigger and better. Last year's participants told us how much they loved the event, but also recommended a few changes – and we listened!

- Earlier Date: Febru-



2022 POPP Grand Marshal, Erin Christiansen.

ary is sure to be cooler weather for the pets and people participating.

- Later Start: We've

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Friends of PACC has a great advocate in Earl Drake

By: El Tour De Tucson (edited for space)



Earl Drake with a PACC dog.

Earl Drake can't wait for the 2022 El Tour to get here. He has his reasons, given he missed last year's ride due to a major crash. And this year he'll be fund-riding for Friends of PACC.

He's able to ride again and building his endurance back with elevation riding and some distance riding. But given the circumstances of his absence from cycling, he's come a long way.

It's important in as much as getting back to his two great passions: cycling and animals. He has adopted a couple of dogs from PACC. And is a volunteer.

"It's always been one of those things that we've just always enjoyed helping out and participating with the dogs," Drake said. "The dogs don't really have a voice so we help them by volunteering."

So, he continues to volunteer and will now help in raising

money for the nonprofit by being a Fund-rider.

Friends of PACC is very excited that Earl has chosen to "Ride with the PACC" as a Friends of PACC El Tour Fund-rider for his 'come back' event!", said Lisa Dobbin volunteer for Friends of PACC. "Earl's strength and resilience during his arduous journey are like the challenges PACC has seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the large influx of pets into the shelter and the challenges that came along, the dedicated PACC staff and volunteers rose to the challenge, persevered, and continue to persevere. The same resilience is in many



Earl Drake.

animals that come through the shelter. Animals needing medical attention are saved and given another chance at a new and exciting future, many of which Friends of PACC has helped with."

It's Earl's story in a nutshell.

The day before El Tour was scheduled Nov. 21, 2020—but later postponed because of the pandemic—Earl and his wife were out riding when his bike had a "mechanical issue", sending him over the top of the bike and onto the tough pavement. He was going about 20 miles per hour so you can imagine the impact.

"I flew over the bike so much that my helmet didn't even get scratched," he said. "I bounced on my right side and landed on my left side and just couldn't move at that point. What happened was I had a fracture in my right hip where it went through my pelvis and ... and yes, it was as bad as it sounds."

He ended up in the hospital for three weeks and in rehab after that. He was in a wheelchair and later needed to use a walker.

After being able to walk on his own, he stayed in shape by hiking and eventually getting over the mental part of getting back on the bike. After all, cycling is something he's done for nearly 30 years. It's been a passion all these years.

"I specifically remember when I got back on the bike ... the first 15-20 pedal strokes, I was just shaking (the memories) and everything else... and then it literally was just like getting back on the bike.", said Earl.

It's been over a year now and he's back and is ready to Fund-ride with the team.

With about one month left before 2022 El Tour, PACC has more than 55 riders on the team with a goal of having

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Friends of PACC has proudly won Best Non-Profit in 2020, 2021, and now 2022.

Dear Pima County,

We are honored to accept the Best Non-Profit and Best of Show* Awards in the 2022 Arizona Daily Star Readers' Choice Awards! We accept these awards for all the misunderstood, abandoned, abused, and medically challenged animals needing help in Pima County. To Friends of PACC, PACC, and you—our incredible supporters—these awards prove that all pets are worthy of being BEST of SHOW!

--Torre Chisholm, Executive Director of Friends of PACC

**Awarded to the organization/business with the most votes across all categories.*

Save Story Follow-up: Andromeda



Annie in the mountains.



Annie with mud on face.



Annie being a silly sister.



Annie looking adorable.

In the last Happy Tails Newsletter, we brought you the story of a dog named Andromeda—just as beautiful as the mythological Greek character. She had severe trauma to her bottom jaw that restricted her from eating normally. Almost six months later, she healed nicely and found a new home. She is with a new owner, who gave her the new name of Annie.

Annie came in around the beginning of January with her entire bottom jaw hanging down; this made it impossible for her to eat normally, as food would fall out. It is unknown what could have caused this injury. Annie was outfitted with an external fixator, with pins to attach to so

that the bottom jaw moves as one and keeps the mandibular bones from moving apart. She required specialized medical care off-site. A little over six months later, she has healed up quite nicely and has the use of her lower jaw again.

Annie has told us, in her own words, how things are going: "Hi, my name is Annie, and I'm a giant goofball. I'm ten months old and a white Siberian Husky. I'm good with most people but still skittish around men, other dogs, and kids. I'm terrified of cats. I was adopted from PACC and have been with my owner for a couple of months. I'm super affectionate! I love morning cuddles, kisses, and couch

snuggles (when allowed). I'm smart and learn commands quickly, like sit, lay down, and kisses. My favorite things are going running, taking long hikes, and playing catch. My favorite command is "kisses"; I automatically do it when you point to your cheek, even when you don't say it. I also love to dig! I am soon moving to San Diego, becoming the best beach dog EVER!"

Annie's outcome is made possible by the generosity and love for animals from donors, like you. From all of us at PACC and Friends of PACC, thank you, Pima County.

To donate to the Huskies, or cases like this in the future, visit <https://dsnp.co/1WAQDB>

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pushed the start back to 10 a.m., giving participants and spectators more time to get there.

- **More Festival:** We're greatly expanding post-parade activities to include entertainment, contests, vendors, as well as more adoption and fun zone activities.

- **More Floats:** You can expect to see a lot more floats next year!

- **More Exposure:** The 2023 Parade will be on TV!!! We're excited to partner with KMSB FOX11 to bring the Parade to homes across Pima County.

Mark your calendar and be among the first to register in October for this one-of-a-kind celebration of pets and PACC!

Here are some amazing pictures from the 2022 Tucson Subaru Pets of Pima Parade.

For more info on the Parade, how to register to walk in the Parade, or share your pics and stories visit www.petsofpimapa-rade.com



Beautiful dog wearing roses.



Yes, we had goats!



Baby Python!



Roosters!



U of A's Wilma was there!



A group from JTED Vet Science Prog.



Luis Padilla with Oracle.

Friends of PACC Staff Spotlight: Luis Padilla **con'T**

What's your job at PACC?

At PACC, my job consists of various things, such as working on the behavior team—some days running dogs back and forth from their kennel to the behavior yard for morning playgroup. After playgroup, I get dogs out of the kennels for new dog evaluations. On the days I am not working on the behavior team, I work up front with adoptions and help thin the numbers here at PACC. I read the dog information to potential

adopters and get the dog out so the people can meet them. I also do meet and greets with both adoptions and the behavior team.

How long have you been with Friends of PACC?

I have been with Friends of PACC since May 2022. However, I started as a student in November of 2021. I was a student at Pima Community College, applied for the federal work-study here at PACC, got the job, and placed on the behavior team. After work-

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SAVE STORY: Hope 4 the Huskies

In March of this year, PACC took in a family of Huskies for treatment following exposure to an unknown chemical, which resulted in severe trauma and chemical burns to all their paws and other extremities. There are three of these lovable guys!

Avalanche: Intake age, three months old. Injuries: Severe trauma to paws. Toes amputated. Status: Avalanche will be using Ruffwear™ boots for the foreseeable future. He was adopted in July and is getting better.

Luke: Intake age, three

months old. Injuries: Severe trauma to paws. Most of his toes were amputated. Status: In medical foster care. Vets are waiting for the skin to heal as much as possible before surgery or prosthetics. Because of his age, Luke will have to wait until he is fully grown before making any permanent plan. Luke will need both interim and permanent prosthetics to walk.

Kolby: Intake age, one-year-old. Status: Kolby is in medical foster and will need surgery and prosthetics to walk. Injuries: Of the three dogs, Kolby sustained

the most trauma on his paws, requiring amputation of his toes and tail. PACC coordinated the extensive care needed to stabilize the Huskies. Kolby loves listening to music—his favorite song is Shania Twain’s ‘You’re Still the One...’

With the amazing support from donors like you, Friends of PACC was able to pay for the off-site medical care. A BIG thank you to all who donated.

If you’d like to continue to help the Huskies, please visit <https://dsnp.co/1WAQDB>



Friends of PACC Staff Spotlight: Luis Padilla CON'T



Behavior & Play Yard.

ing here for a while as a student, a Friends of PACC position was posted. I applied and got the job! I am excited to work here!

Why do you enjoy working at PACC?

I enjoy working at PACC because of the dogs. On the behav-



Behavior & Play Yard.

ior team, I get to build a bond with different dogs that come in and out of the shelter.

What's a fun fact about you?

A fun fact about me is that I like roping and would one day like to have my own horse to go roping and participate.



Adoptions Desk, PACC.

Thank you, Luis, for all you do! Your work and dedication to the PACC animals are not lost on Friends of PACC or PACC Staff.

If you are interested in volunteering at Pima Animal Care Center to save more lives, visit <https://givepul.se/8jeqqp>

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close to 100 riders. Through the years, Friends of PACC has been a strong and dedicated group. Since 2018, the Fund-riders have raised over \$56k for abused and neglected animals. All the funds support the lifesaving efforts of Pima Animal Care Center.

According to Dobbins, "PACC is the only open-admissions shelter in Pima County and, as a result, provides lifesaving support to more animals than any other shelter in Southern Arizona. Many assume the County pays for everything, but with a total intake of 18,287 pets in 2021 alone, that's impossible. The importance of riding/fundraising in El Tour is because funds raised via El Tour help keep families

together and provide funding for emergent medical issues—among other animal needs. Support from generous donors via Friends of PACC helps alleviate some or all the costs to a family that may not have enough to support their pet. Friends of PACC must be involved in raising substantial funds at every opportunity, and what better way than through a Tucson tradition for over 38 years!"

The 2022 Banner University-Medicine 39th El Tour de Tucson starts in the early morning hours of Saturday, November 19th. The starting line finish line will be near the Tucson Convention Center.

If you'd like to be a Fund-rider in the 2022 El Tour de Tucson, visit friendsofpacc.org/eltour.



From left to right, team Fund-riders, Jeffrey Schwarz and Ursula Schwarz. Ursula has raised over \$4000 as a Friends of PACC Fund-rider in the 2022 El Tour de Tucson.

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Save the lives of pets in need while caring for your own.

Every pet served by Pima Animal Care Center is supported with the resources needed for a safe, healthy, and happy future.

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National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW) is in October, and now's the ideal time

to begin thinking about how our plans can safeguard our pets and carry on our mission of saving lives for years to come.

If you include a gift in your will to Friends of PACC, it costs nothing today but builds a legacy of care for thousands of abandoned, injured, neglected, and ill pets.

Visit FreeWill.com/FriendsofPACC or scan the QR code below to begin your plans.



"4.6 million cats and dogs entered US animal shelters in 2021. 83% were saved."

In 2021, PACC's save rate was 92%!

Source: Best Friends website

Did you know?

Breed-specific legislation (BSL) bans or restricts certain types of dogs based on their appearance—usually because they are perceived as dangerous.

Source: Best Friends website

Volunteer Spotlight



Charlie and Deb Shumway, PACC.

Deb and Charlie Shumway joined the PACC Volunteer Team in February 2022. In the months since their first Jump Start activities, they have become essential to many teams at PACC and champions for the dogs they work with!

"We came here wanting to foster a dog. We didn't have one at home and thought we could help a medical foster." Deb shared one evening as they waited for pups from Tucson Rescue Now to return.

Since July, the Shumway's have cared for PACC's favorite, Mr. Brown, their medical foster, often volunteering when Brown receives medical care at the Clinic. Together, they have contributed nearly 700 hours of support as dog walkers, kennel cleaners, medication team leads, and broad support for daily PACC needs. Deb says, "Now we're here almost daily to help the staff and dogs!"

We are incredibly honored to have them here at PACC and cannot wait to see what new solutions and ideas they bring to our community! Thank you for being exemplary volunteers!

To find out how you can volunteer visit <https://givepul.se/8jeqqp>



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DIRECTORS REPORT: **Monica Dangler**



At PACC, we are continually amazed by the generosity and kindness of our community. Thanks to your donations, our Pet Support Team has been able to support the growing need for our Safety Net program. Safety Net is a foster program that provides short-term care for animals of people who are experiencing a temporary crisis, such as an eviction, hospitalization, or domestic violence. Requests for Safety Net assistance have doubled in recent months.

PACC currently has 67 pets being cared for

by Safety Net fosters, which is almost double that of last year. Your kindness has enabled us to expand and to provide necessary supplies for fosters and owners to ensure that pets ultimately remain with their families. Furthermore, through the Keeping Families Together Fund, we have been able to assist owners who would have otherwise had to surrender their pets by providing needed medical care.

Monica Dangler is the Director of PACC. For more info visit www.pima.gov/animalcare