

Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

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Happy New Year!

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2012
Newsletter

THE DOG WHO CHANGED MY LIFE, (an adopters story in her own words)



**PUPPIES
IN NEED OF HOMES**

A NEW BEGINNING...

These Boxer mix puppies and their mother, likely are waiting for adoption. They are about 2 weeks old now (1/12/04) and they are very cute and will make wonderful companions. All the time will take care of their expenses about \$1000.00 and I have them available for adoption. Adoption fee will be \$10. If you are interested in helping and please call me at 930-821-3429.

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These mother STARRINA is a BOXER MIX.
She needs a home too!

January 2004

In 2002, I began thinking about what an addition a dog could be to my life, as well as it being a good preparatory trial process before adopting a child, which I had considered for several years. In addition, I had recently lost my Mother and felt a tremendous hole in my life and its purpose. I did not know at the time that this feeling, as well as having an innate sense that something important to my life would be originating in Prescott, would lead to finding what I now refer to as "the love of my life!"

It all began when on a cold winter day in late January of 2004, when I was returning to Phoenix from a fund raising committee meeting for the Prescott Library Expansion/Renovation. Innocently, I stopped at PetsMart on my way out of town to replenish my cat food supply. Upon entering the store, I encountered a playpen full of precious puppies and Fran & Alan, of Morning Starr Animal Sanctuary, sitting nearby with the Mother. I thought about how cute

they were, but continued on my cat food mission! When I returned to the front of the store, I took a second look and surprisingly spent the next hour holding the puppies and talking to Fran & Alan. I learned these puppies, 9 weeks old, had been found at a drug bust in Prescott. The abandoned mother was starving to death, but still trying to feed the puppies while she lay there. They were rescued and taken Morning Starr Animal Sanctuary and were all brought back to peak health, spayed/neutered and named. The beautiful mother, who sat by their side so calmly while people handled her puppies, had a such an impressive demeanor that I started to get serious in my conversations. I was also so impressed in observing the very strict screening of potential owners and saw several turned away based on their responses to specific questions or the general attitudes they displayed. By all rights, they could have also denied me as I was honest about living in a condo with no yard, being used to the freedom I had with my cats to leave on a moments notice, and that I often worked long hours. But, I guess they intuitively saw something in me and I was told "this will be the best thing that could happen to you," and they even encouraged me to look at a different dog than I was originally considering. Maggie was the most popular, and although I am very biased, also the most beautiful! They generously let me think about it for a week, and I tossed and turned over the decision because I knew it would impact my freedom. However, I finally made the decision to bite the bullet and headed back to Prescott when, about halfway there, I received a call from the Alan, saying that Maggie had 3 people lined up for her and if I was still interested. I absolutely was and I could not get there fast enough! I picked her up that day with all the trepidation parents must have when they leave the hospital. Alan walked out to the parking lot with me and gave Maggie a kiss goodbye on her head, and off we went, 10 week old Maggie sat in my lap all the way home. We went to my favorite cafe and sat outside by the fire where we were swarmed with attention, and she has been my constant companion ever since. Admittedly, there were times in the first 6 months that I thought it was going to be too much and had many offers to take her off my hands. However, all those doubts disappeared when we had the opportunity of spending a weekend together at a cabin, which sealed the bond. I will never forget when I first let Maggie on the sofa to cuddle, she let out the loudest sigh, which clearly said, "this is what I've been waiting for." From trips to Telluride, riding on a gondola, hiking, running together in benefit races, holidays with relatives or just hanging out in restaurant patios, there is nothing she isn't enthusiastic about, as long as she is with me! Everywhere we go, people comment, "What a beautiful dog...what is she?" While driving I have even been asked to roll down my window when stopped at a light to hear how beautiful SHE is and I want to say, "What about me"! Maggie is a mix of Boxer, Greyhound and American Bull Dog, but whatever she is, she is perfect! For the past eight years, when passing PetsMart, I remember that fateful day and truly thank God regularly for bringing this special being into my life.



Maggie and me

Morning Starr Helps to Save Puppy with Parvo!

When I got the call it was about a very sick puppy whose owner had more love for his puppy than he had money to get him well. Morning Starr covered the vet bills and he is off to what we hope is a speedy recovery. Thanks to your giving, Morning Starr can give.

Tis the season for giving!

MAGGIES CORNER

Classes are going well and she is not only learning to behave proper but is getting some socialization. She is getting older too and some unwanted behaviors are just being left behind. I wanted to talk about loose leash walking. Walking with your dog is supposed to be a very relaxing and enjoyable time. Walking with your dog is the most bonding time you can have. If your puppy or dog is pulling you all over the place when you walk this is what you can do. This is loose lease, not heal. When you dog gets to the end of the leash where it is tense, STOP. Call them back to you and don't move until they turn to look at you and come back to you. Then you move on again. If they run ahead and the leash is tense again, STOP! Do this until they walk, not necessarily beside you but in a loose leash



way in which there is no tension on the leash. It could take an hour to get 10 feet but they will get it. Did you know that dogs who are off leash will be more like to play with another dog than while on the leash? Without the ability to know if the new dog is friend or foe because they are prohibited by the leash they will sometimes become aggressive just because they can't determine who the other dog is. Always have your leash loose and relax yourself too. Let me know how it goes!

← Maggie and her best friend!

Enjoy the walk!



THE STATS ARE IN for 2011 and the LAST 10 YEARS!.....

From 2001 to 2011 we saved 85 dogs (most of which were bottle fed), 140 cats (many bottle fed too), 119 ferrets, 3 potbellied pigs, 62 rabbits, 18 goats, 6 horses and 1 baby calf. Over 450 animals were directly in our care. Because we specialize in special needs animals, most were in my arms for all their care. Countless other animals were placed into new homes by way of networking with people looking for animals or through other no kill sanctuaries. We still have 13 permanent animals in our care who will live out their lives with us and get the very best of care. All of them are older with special needs. In 2011 we delivered over 300 pounds of feed for the community. Morning Starr gave over 50 vaccinations for free and paid over \$2,000.00 towards helping with vet bills for the community. I've spent hundreds of hours on the phone or in person trying to help people keep their animals in their homes by giving some training advice, helping them to understand why their animal might be behaving badly and how to solve behavior problems. In 2011 we only took in 14 very special needs animals. We tried to turn our focus and funding to what we consider is the root problem of pet overpopulation, "spay and neuter." We believe that in northern Arizona Spay Neuter Assistance Programs are the answer. Many pet owners want to be responsible but just need a little assistance. In this area we do not have any "low cost" spay neuter clinics as do the bigger cities. I believe this is heavy in my heart because I used to work at a humane society and if you ever want to know why spay and neuter is so important then go to the euthanasia room of a humane society and watch tail wagging dogs and purring cats die. I know those are harsh words but sometimes it needs to be said. Those images are still in my mind and probably always will be. Animals who haven't even been conceived today will die next year unless someone works to prevent them from being born. Between the spay neuter program we had in 2006 and 2007 combined with our newest program which started in 2011 we have assisted in the spay and neuter of over 600 dogs and cats in this area. We are still trying for grants as they come up to assist even more. With your help we can be a big part of the solution. Let's make 2012 a great year! Happy New Year to you all!!

Let's be part of the solution together!

PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES!!!

These two puppies really need a permanent loving home or a temporary foster home!! If you are interested in these puppies or any of the other wonderful dogs that are at Golden Bone Rescue at 928-567-8994. They are a lab mix. And are about 12 weeks old. Morning Starr Animal Sanctuary will be giving them the first shots and offering \$5.00 follow up shots for anyone who adopts one.



Nothing But

LOVE



There is a cool way to raise money, every time you shop online or search the web, and I think you should check it out:

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Use iGive.com to raise money for Morning Starr Animal Sanctuary, every time you shop online at any of their 713 participating stores. And search the web through **iSearchiGive.com**

a new search engine powered by Yahoo!, and raise a penny or more for us every time. Guess what, even window shopping can help! When you visit online stores each visit counts as an entry in their \$50,000 Surfathon sweepstakes where you can win a prize for your cause! They're giving away \$1000 in prizes, every month through the end of the year! I hope you'll join for more chances to win - just create your free iGive account and check out their stores.

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Join iGive.com to support Morning Starr. It's free, safe, and easy to join.

\$369.38 raised so far!



Anticipated a large amount of puppies arriving we purchased lots of vaccines for Canine Distemper, Adenovirus Type 2, Para influenza, Parvovirus (MLV). It is a 5 way and is good for puppies and adult dogs. If you would like to have your dog vaccinated in your home for \$10.00 for one dog and \$5.00 for each additional dog, please call 928-821-2420.

Be Humane



Neuter or Spay

The SNAP counter

This is a running total of how many dogs and cats we have spayed and neutered with our Spay Neuter Assistance Program, thanks to you!

Dogs & Cats 376

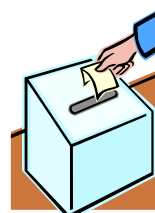
WIN A SPAY/NEUTER for \$1.00!?!??

Look for the ticket box at Cornville Pet Clinic in Cornville. Buy a ticket for \$1.00 for a chance to win a spay/neuter for a dog or cat! You don't have to be a patient to buy a ticket, just stop by. Each ticket is \$1.00. Buy as many as you like. Next draw is March 9th.

Every two months we will draw a ticket and if you win you will be contacted by phone. You may donate the spay/neuter to someone else if you don't need it. Ticket box is emptied after every draw so come back to enter again and again! Surgery must be done at Cornville Pet Clinic, 634-1445

1050 S. Page Springs Rd. Suite C, Cornville, AZ

all proceeds from ticket sales go towards our Spay Neuter Assistance Program

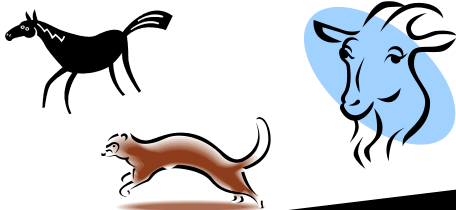


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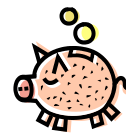
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Please give generously.

Thank you in advance for your generous gift.



Help! We Always Need Lots Of Stuff!

- **Alfalfa Hay** or any other feed may be purchased at Olsen's Grain. If you leave your name and address, a tax receipt will be sent to you. Call Olsen's at 928-649-3900 they know exactly what we need.
- Halters, lead ropes, new or used.
- **Lots of Equine Sr. for the Sr. horses.**
- **Corral Panels**
- Timothy hay for rabbits.
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- **Horse corral panels**
- Surgical bandages and equipment.
- Ferret pine pellet litter (must be wood pellets).
- Ferret Hammocks and baby blankets, litter boxes (small), ferretvite.
- **STRAW**
- **Equine Senior**
- Goat Cob, sweet feed.
- Donate to our spay/neuter fund!
- **Grant Writer**

We need corral panels!
Anyone who has any, old, new, rusty, it does not matter. Will pick up.



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