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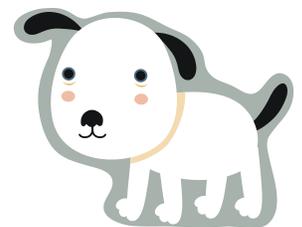
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## Happy ½ Anniversary

This month marks the six month anniversary since Standing Proud Pit Bull Rescue took in its first pit bull mix Quickster! We are happy to report that Quickster, now called Henry, is living in the lap of luxury with his new mom and dad who keep him very busy with daily walks, jogs, and hikes! For those of you that don't remember him, Henry was a former bait dog that made his way to a sanctuary in Florence, Arizona. He spent over 5 years there, kenneled and virtually out of touch with humans. When we heard about him we decided he deserved better! Henry came to us and we couldn't believe what a spectacular dog he was. He even joined us on 3TV back in December for a special on pit bulls! You'd have no idea that he came from such a troubled past. It wasn't long before the perfect family felt that connection with him, and we are so happy for them all!

Since then we have continued in that very same fashion. Standing Proud Pit Bull Rescue is on a mission to do rescue the right way, and we think we're doing pretty good so far! Based on our sound methods and the time we take with each animal that comes through our doors, we are so pleased to say that we have found homes for nine Standing Proud dogs since November. Additionally, we have been able to assist in the rehoming of several other dogs (and even one cat) through networking and cross-posting in our community. We currently have 11 dogs in the rescue, three of which (Blaize, Swozie, and Katie) are on medical holds, but will be ready for their forever homes soon. Please stay tuned to watch them all succeed!





# Fostering Saves Lives

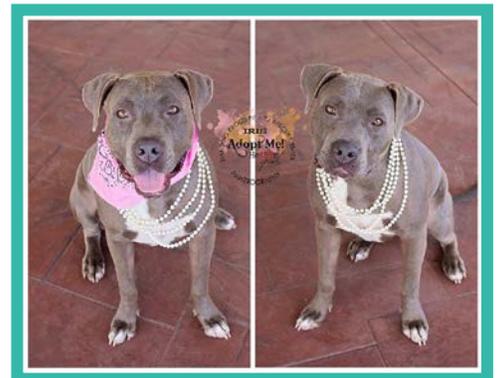
In 2013, 41,347 animals entered the open admission shelters here in Maricopa County. Open admission means that, by law, they cannot turn anyone away. As a result of the pet overpopulation problem here in our community MCACC simply cannot keep up with the constant influx of dogs and cats that they intake daily. This often results in the euthanasia of animals that might otherwise be perfectly suitable for living in a home. In any event, these are the animals we are talking about when we say “fostering save lives.” If we see an animal at risk that has passed our evaluation, and we have a foster available then the solution is often that simple. Standing Proud “pulls” the dog, takes it in and places it with a foster until an adopter is identified. However, when we have no open foster homes, unfortunately we have to close intake, which in the end means we turn away lives in need of saving. Thankfully, right now we have 8 fabulous fosters that graciously accept the daily responsibility of caring for our dogs’ daily needs. However, with only 8 homes this also means that our 11 dog limit is going to remain in effect until we can open up more homes as fosters. If you’re interested in fostering please contact us. We are happy to answer questions and connect you with a current foster to see if it might be right for you. For those of you interested in following one of our foster parents, please visit [www.facebook.com/ittybittypittiecommittee](http://www.facebook.com/ittybittypittiecommittee) to follow Blaize’s journey in her foster home. You can see the ups and downs and the true joy her foster parents get from this very special way of giving back!



## SPOTLIGHT ON IRIS

Iris recently joined us at our event at Papa Murphy's in Phoenix and was the talk to the town. She's a sweet girl that just wants to cuddle. Iris would do best in an active home with a handler that will take her running or hiking regularly to help her burn off some energy. She is a 2 Year old Pit bull Mix who comes Spayed, microchipped & vaccinated and would do best with playful male.

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# Honey's Journey

For those of you that don't remember Honey, her story is not novel in the sense that she's unlike so many other stories of rescue, but she is special to us nonetheless. Honey was found as a stray on one of the valley reservations. To say she was emaciated doesn't even begin to explain how sickly she was. You could not only count her rib bones, one by one, but also her spine and hips were very well defined. She was in effect a skeleton with skin and fur. Because she was from the reservation there was a very real possibility that she would have one of many ailments and illnesses, all of which would be costly to treat. But when Abby walked into the shelter that day she locked eyes with this poor girl and knew that, regardless of cost or obstacles, she would save Honey. And that she did. Honey spent several nights with Dr. Ware at University Animal Hospital where she underwent treatment for dehydration and valley fever. Eventually Honey was ready to be sent to foster, and her WONDERFUL foster mom welcomed her with open arms and a home full of love to give. Honey has since gained weight, learned what playing is all about, and to everyone's surprise she recently let out the cutest little bark you ever did hear. Pending one more checkup in the near future, Honey will be available for adoption within the month.





## GIVING BACK

In addition to the work in our own rescue, we have really strived to make long-lasting connections with our community shelters. Our founder, Abby Cohen, sparked the trend by giving back through beginning to volunteer with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) this winter. Abby has since become involved with several of the programs at MCACC and has brought her knowledge back to the other volunteers at Standing Proud. Through this opportunity she got a firsthand look at the problems our community faces with pet overpopulation and a lack of education regarding responsible pet ownership. Because of Abby, just last month seven of our volunteers opted to go through and complete their training with Maricopa County Animal Care and Control to fulfill various needs at both the East Valley and West Valley shelter locations. We really hope to make an impact and foster relationships with an organization that we work so closely with. The job of animal control is not glamorous or easy, and there are often more naysayers than those willing to lend a helping hand. But if we can make just a little bit of a difference with our efforts, then that's something! You too can help! Volunteer with a private rescue or local shelter today!



Interested in learning more about  
your local shelter?

VISIT: <http://www.maricopa.gov/pets>



**SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!!**

Angelia Harbison is a rescuer, donor, and all around angel in our eyes! Along with maintaining a fulltime job, Angelia is also a Scentsy consultant who donates most (sometimes all) of her profits to rescue. This month Angelia has decided to give to Standing Proud since she knows about our tough medical dogs. Please visit her page to show her some appreciation! And by all means order some products! ☺

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This is Ducky, Abby's current project dog. The project dogs are those that need a little extra lovin' to get them ready for adoption. Abby has been working with him to overcome his fear issues. He is now available for adoption and looking for his forever humans! If you are interested in Ducky please visit 2630 W 8th St, Mesa, AZ 85201 and ask about animal ID # A3421797

## WISH LIST

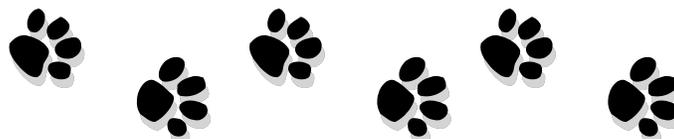
- 🐾 Dog treats
- 🐾 Dog Food (*Nature's Domain sweet potato and salmon*)
- 🐾 100% Pure canned Pumpkin Puree
- 🐾 Shampoo/Conditioner
- 🐾 Crates/Kennels
- 🐾 Dog Beds
- 🐾 Blankets/Sheets
- 🐾 Laundry Soap
- 🐾 Office Supplies
- 🐾 Towels
- 🐾 Gift Cards



## DID YOU KNOW?

May 18<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> is dog bite prevention week! Did you know that many dog bites are actually preventable? Teach your children to avoid unknown or stray dogs and NEVER approach or pet a dog without first asking the owner. In the event that a dog goes after a child, teach them the "be a tree" and stand still looking down. For more information visit

[www.avma.org](http://www.avma.org)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

The AZ March for Pibbles: Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30AM until Noon at Tempe Beach Park

Phoenix Pet Expo: Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM until 6:00PM at West World in Scottsdale

Baths for Bullies: Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00AM until 3:00PM at Green Bulldog Wash and Spa in Mesa

Wine, Cheese, & Pitties: May 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM until 8:00PM at Salut Kitchen Bar in Tempe

Swoozie's Sizzlin' Summer Auction: June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup> ONLINE

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