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Losing Sleep and Saving Lives

In shelters, the smallest of patients need the most intensive care. Each year, HALO cares for hundreds of underage babies, and many do not have a mother to provide the round-the-clock nursing needed to help them survive and thrive. When this happens, we have volunteers who willingly interrupt their sleep in order to ensure these tiny babies get the needed nourishment and love.

Pictured here is Melissa, a surrogate mom to dozens of HALO bottle babies each year. As you can see, she is very excited to pick up Moose and Elsa and give them oodles of snuggles over the next several weeks until a new family takes over.

Thanks to your support, we are able to say yes to helping these kittens and their foster parents by providing all the supplies they need.



Foster mom
Melissa meeting
her babies.

Learn More About a Few of Our Amazing Rescues Inside!



Sky



Oona



Valentine





Go Big and Go Home

Across the country, dog adoptions, especially for large breed dogs, have hit a lull. At the same time, the need for re-homing services has reached a critical high. Shelters are working overtime to try to come up with creative ways to bring more adopters in for these big lovable mutts.

HALO is fortunate to partner with PetSmart Charities and utilize their Everyday Adoption Center inside the Deer Valley PetSmart store to find homes for more than 1,000 pets per year. We received a \$75,000 adoption prep grant from PetSmart Charities, allowing us to try some creative adoption specials.

This year we're hosting "Go Big and Go Home" adoption events where large breed dogs can go home with new families and their adoption fees are waived. These events are helping us remove barriers to adoption and save more lives.

Thank you, PetSmart Charities, for your partnership, and to PetSmart shoppers who donate at the register, allowing these grants to happen. There are smiles all around on the faces of the people and the animals as they pose with their new families.

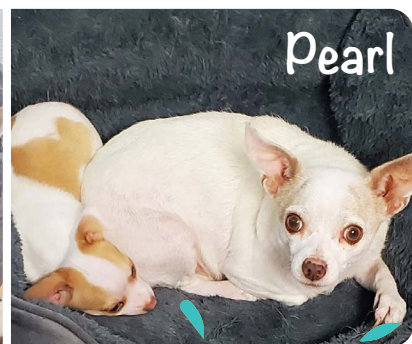


Friends Forever

Many of us go through struggles in life and having a bestie by your side can make it a little easier. Pearl and Sky were both pregnant and lost. When they arrived at the shelter, it was obvious they had a strong bond and would be crushed to be separated. They also both needed foster care due to their pregnancies.

Early one morning, Pearl gave birth to her babies, but sadly they were premature and all passed away. A few days later, Sky gave birth to her five puppies with Pearl watching nearby. One of the sweetest things we've ever seen was when Sky allowed Pearl to help nurse and care for the puppies! Pearl's broken heart was mended, and Sky got some much-needed help. Just as they co-raised the puppies as a team, this mother-daughter duo were adopted together too!

Thanks to your support, we are able to enrich the lives of thousands of pets and people just like them.



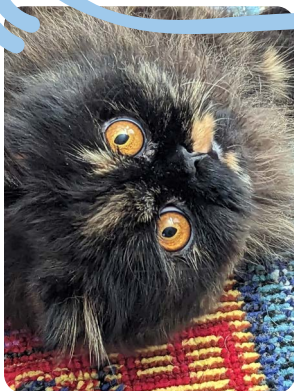
Oohs and Aahs Over Oona

Who says you can't find purebreds in a shelter? This beauty was adopted by a wonderful family. Here's what they had to say about her.



"Oona joined the general population on Christmas Day, and has done quite well acclimating herself to the rest of the pets. She and her dilute tortie roommate, Juni, especially like to chase each other around. Oona joins me at my desk for at least part of my work day. She also has plenty of perches around the house. She's such a sweet friend.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to add this precious baby to our family. We treasure Oona and we're so glad her "happily ever after" is with us!"

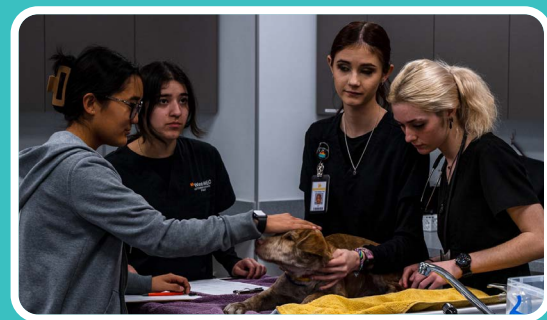


In spite of her being surrendered for not getting along with the other animal in the home, she is thriving in her new home with a dog and another cat. Just like people, animals don't get

along with everyone they meet, but make strong bonds with others.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to find that perfect match for Oona and her family.

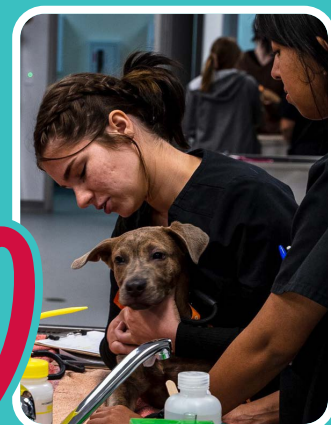
West-MEC



Partnering with the Vets of our Future

HALO has created a new partnership with the Western Maricopa Education Center, better known as West-MEC, to help our animals receive veterinary care while providing high school students an education through their 2-year Veterinary Science program. Our pets generally stay at their state-of-the-art facility for a few days. While there, they receive physical exams, laboratory tests, spay/neuter, and any other care they might need from the students and their teachers. Along with veterinary care, they receive huge helpings of cuddles while learning social skills.

This partnership is a win-win for both organizations and helps bring up the next generation of doctors and technicians that the veterinary field so desperately needs.



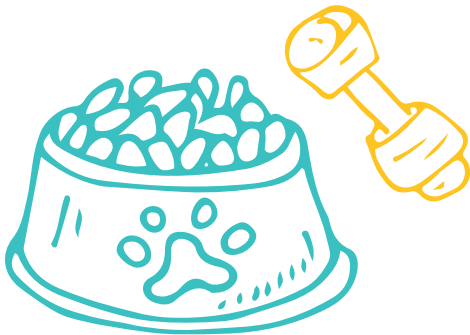
Valentine Strikes It Rich with Love

This sweet Poodle was surrendered to us when his family could no longer provide for him. We got an update from his new family and it was too cute not to share.

"It's me, the Miniature Poodle formerly known as Chino. It will be a year in February since I was surrendered to HALO, time flies when you're having fun! My pack calls me "Val" now ... short for Valentine ... because I'm their love and they adopted me pretty close to Valentine's Day. You may remember me, I'm the handsome devil under all that hair. My mom refers to this period as my "hippie" days, yes, she's THAT old! I've been on some exciting adventures since we last met! Here I am visiting White Tanks State Park.

This summer we're heading to Santa Fe, New Mexico. I can hardly wait! I wanted to let you know that I'm safe, happy and healthy. Thanks again for saving my life!"

Your gifts allow us to create so many wonderful family moments just like these.



Since 2009, HALO has been a proud Purina Shelter Champions partner. This partnership provides 100% of the pet food and cat litter HALO needs to serve quality nutrition to our pets from the moment they arrive. Purina even gives a bag of food to each of our adopters so the pets can continue to eat the same high-quality food they were fed at the shelter in their new homes. Serving your pets Purina foods provides just the right diet for their needs, supports homeless animals across the country, and ensures Purina has the resources necessary to pay it forward to shelters that need it most. We can't thank them enough for their love and support!

Double the Petco Love

Did you know when you shop at Petco and make a donation to Petco Love at the register, those funds support animal welfare organizations just like HALO? Often people think a dollar or two doesn't do much to help, but it all adds up to save thousands of lives across the country each year!

This year, HALO received two grants from Petco Love. A \$40,000 grant to support our shelter's work for things like medical care, equipment, and staffing to ensure the pets in our care have what they need. Another grant — a unique opportunity for Petco Love partners — was from the Shelter Pet Cancer Treatment Fund. Shortly after adoption, Misty was diagnosed with a curable cancer but her doting mother did not have the financial means to get her the treatment she needed. With this one-of-a-kind grant opportunity, HALO was able to receive funding to cover Misty's cancer treatment, where she made a full recovery. What a wonderful gift to this pup and her mom. Thank you Petco Love!



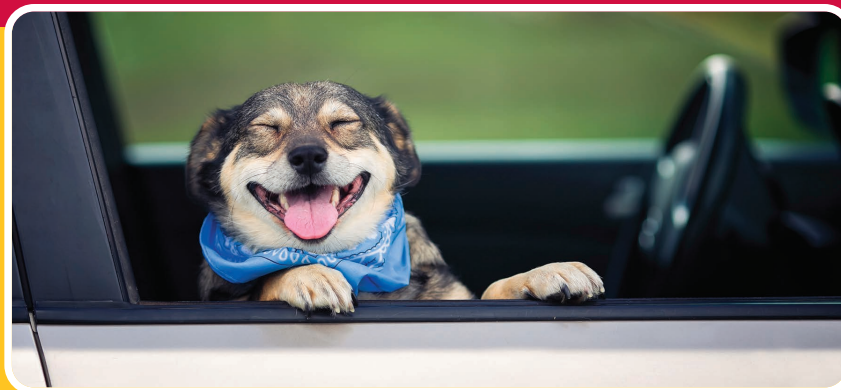
Saving Kitties One Cup at a Time

Six-year-old Chloe and her family adopted Cece from HALO in 2020. Chloe wanted to do something to help the other animals at the shelter, so she and her parents set up the cutest little lemonade stand and were able to raise \$549! It warms our hearts so much to see everyone rallying around HALO's mission. To see children so young who understand and embrace the philosophy of helping those less fortunate gives us such hope for the future.



Vehicle Donation

If you would like to donate your old vehicle, please give us a call at 602-971-9222 ext. 105, visit our website's "Donate" tab, or email halosupporter@halorescue.org.



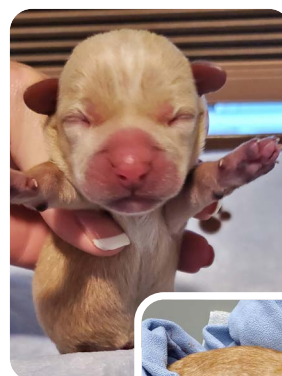
Leading by Example

Some people have a casita in their backyard as a guest house for when the in-laws come for a visit. Others may use theirs as a playhouse for the children or as a practice studio for their band. HALO's co-founder and CEO, Heather Allen, has a casita in her backyard that is a safe haven for homeless dogs and cats who need a little extra time and TLC before they are ready for adoption.



Fluffy's Flophouse, as the casita is named, was built in 2006, prior to HALO having their first shelter. The Flop, as it is affectionately known, has air conditioning and heating, a washer with dryer, and all the beds, toys and snacks the animals need to be pampered. During the first handful of years, it was used exclusively for cats and housed a few dozen at a time. In 2012, the cat kennels were exchanged for dog runs, and doggie doors were installed to create four private mutternity suites for nursing dogs and their puppies at a time.

Before and after working at the shelter each day, Heather tends to her foster dogs. You'd be right if you guessed it is a lot of work for one person to take on, but she says it is a labor of love. "This is not a job, it is a lifestyle and a calling. Being able to provide these sweet momma dogs and their babies a safe, quiet away from the hectic shelter fills my soul with happiness. Working in animal welfare and witnessing all the desperate situations for the humans and animals that come our way is taxing. Helping a scared dog through a tough labor and watching her babies grow and thrive is rejuvenating. Our donors literally enable us to save the lives of the animals who have no one else to turn to and it's such an honor to receive the support."



Flop by the Numbers



183

Fosters in
2022



1,521

Dogs in the Flop
Since 2012



4,600

Vaccinations
Provided



2,100

Dewormer
Doses



11,000

Loads of
Laundry



Countless

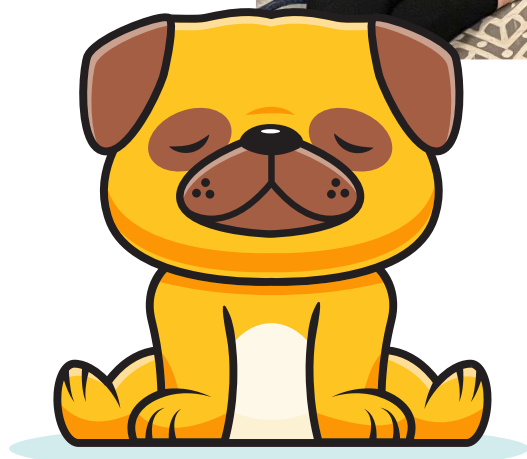
Sleepless Nights

Poses for Puppies

What do you get when you mix nine Husky puppies with yoga? The Freedom Academy K-8 School invited our puppies into their yoga class. The theme was "puppies over poses," and ensured all participants gobbled up all the snuggles that came their way as the puppies flitted around the room and landed in their laps. The class raised \$490 for HALO's animals and lifted the spirits of the humans involved.

These babies were in foster care after arriving at the shelter at just two weeks old with their mom. As you can see by their faces, the participants fully enjoyed their jobs and everyone left the class completely blissed out.

If you'd like to hold a puppy yoga class fundraiser with HALO, let us know.



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Letter from the President

Have you ever looked in the mirror and wondered who was looking back at you? I know this happens to me as time marches by. It's hard to believe my mother and I started HALO 29 years ago, especially since I often still feel like I am a kid at heart. Throughout HALO's existence, we have had an incredible journey with all the ups and downs you would imagine that come with saving over 80,000 lives, as well as being heavily involved in Maricopa County's animal welfare strategic plan.

The animal rescue and sheltering world has become more complicated post-COVID. Animals are staying in shelters longer than they were in 2019. There is a veterinary shortage across the country that makes wait times for appointments longer and bumps up the cost of care. The volume of dogs getting adopted has slowed, especially for the large breed pups. On the bright side, there is much to be grateful for. Cats are getting adopted at a faster rate than dogs for the first time!



Heather Allen, CEO,
and her dog, Gulliver

We have some really exciting things coming up in the next few months, so I hope you'll stay tuned to our e-newsletters and social media channels.

As we close our second decade in the world of animal rescue, I rise from my seat with a huge smile on my face and my arms outstretched to offer you a giant virtual bear hug.

With you by our side, we are Helping Animals Live On. Thank you!

We'd like to offer a heartfelt thanks to the wonderful organizations that help support HALO's animals!



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