

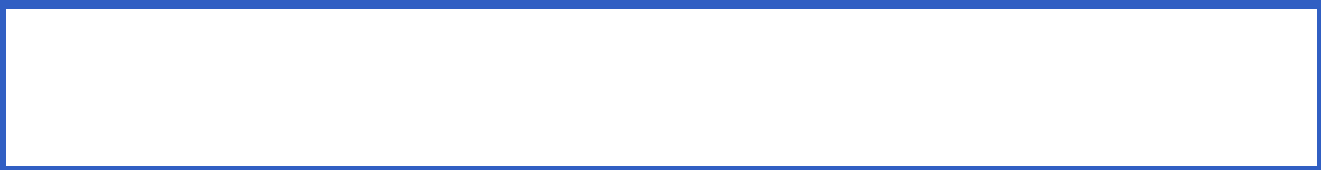
# JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



SADDLEBROOKE  
PET RESCUE  
NETWORK



*Sometimes, the only  
one who notices  
you're not okay  
is your dog.  
They don't ask questions,  
they just stay with you  
to comfort you  
and love you.*



## HAPPY TAIL OF THE MIRACLE KITTEN

*by Romayne Trudo*



**KACEE**

On November 5, 2025, Kathy Coffman had no idea that a tiny miracle was about to enter her life. While her car was parked at the Desertview Complex, a fragile six-week-old kitten crawled up into the chassis, seeking warmth and safety. Later that day, as Kathy pulled into her garage, she was startled by the faint cries of a kitten.

Searching carefully, she discovered the little one had slipped out of the car and hidden behind the furnace. Despite her neighbor's help, the frightened kitten remained out of reach. That's when SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue was called and arrived with a small Havahart trap lined with food and a soft blanket. Hours later, when the house was quiet, hunger overcame fear, and the kitten ventured inside.

She was impossibly small-just 1.64 pounds-and trembling with uncertainty. Kathy and her husband, Larry Tolman, welcomed her into their home, keeping her warm and comforted through the night. The next morning, a vet confirmed her age: only six weeks old, yet already a survivor.

From that moment, the kitten – now lovingly named Kacee-began to weave herself into Kathy and Larry’s hearts. On December 11, 2025, she was officially adopted, transforming from a frightened stray into a cherished family member.

What better way to celebrate the holiday season than by saving a precious life? Kacee’s story is a reminder that sometimes, miracles arrive on four tiny paws.



**DON'T MISS  
OUT!  
THERE ARE  
STILL A FEW  
TICKETS  
AVAILABLE FOR  
THE**

Experience the perfect blend of fashion and furry friends at the Pet Rescue Fashion Show on Wednesday, February 4th.

Join us for an afternoon filled with style, laughter, and lifesaving compassion. Witness models and fashions grace the runway, all in support of pet rescue efforts benefiting animals in need within our community.

Secure your tickets for our biggest fundraising event of the year at the HOA#1 Administration Office today, before this awesome event sells out!

**WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 4TH  
PET RESCUE  
FASHION SHOW!**



**\*\*Exciting  
Opportunity: Join  
Us as a Website  
Volunteer!\*\***

The SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network is thrilled to invite a new volunteer to assist in managing our established 4-year-old website. Whether you have experience with WordPress and/or Elementor or are eager to learn, we are eager to connect with you. You will work closely with the



site's original creator and our current volunteer manager, receiving training, guidance, and ongoing support. With a time commitment of approximately 2 hours per week, this role offers a fantastic opportunity to contribute your skills without overwhelming your schedule. If you have a passion for website work and a desire to make a positive impact in our community, we would love to hear from you. By joining our team, you will play a vital role in helping rescued animals and making a meaningful difference in their lives. Please reach out to Dale at 520-825-1186 or via email at [dale28229@gmail.com](mailto:dale28229@gmail.com) to express your interest.

## Frostbite Alert: Keep Those Paws and Noses Cozy!

*By Diane Korn*



Baby, it's cold outside! As winter rolls in, our furry friends feel the chill just like we do—and sometimes even sooner. Once temperatures dip below 45°F, it's time to pull out the pet jackets and booties before any outdoor adventures. When it hits freezing (32°F) or colder, frostbite becomes a real concern. This can happen when skin and tissues freeze after too much time in the cold—especially in pets with short coats, thin fur, or health issues. But truthfully, all pets can be at risk if left out too long.

The spots most likely to get frostbite are your pet's ears, tail, paw pads, and nose. Early signs include pale or grayish skin, shivering, sluggishness, or lifting their paws off the ground. If the skin starts to darken or turn black, that's a sign of more serious damage—and it's time to call the vet right away.

Prevention is the best protection! Keep outdoor walks short when it's icy, wet, or windy. Make sure your pet has a warm, dry spot to rest, and consider adding a pet-safe heating pad or cozy blanket. Dressing them up in a sweater, jacket, or booties doesn't just look adorable—it keeps them comfortable too!

If you think your pet might have frostbite, wrap them gently in a warm towel or blanket and get them to the vet as soon as possible. Treatment usually involves gently rewarming the area, pain relief, and protecting against infection.

With just a few precautions, you can help your pets stay safe, warm, and full of winter cheer—because while frosty noses are cute, frostbite definitely isn't!



**HAPPY TAIL**  
**Casey, An Ambassador for  
the Breed**  
*by Romayne Trudo*

This is an all-too-familiar story. A two-year-old female Pit Bull/Boxer mix was found running loose in SaddleBrooke late at night on October 2, 2025. A young couple visiting their grandparents spotted her, stopped, and called SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue for help.

When we arrived to scan for a microchip, we discovered

a gentle, calm girl with no collar, no tags, and no chip. It was clear she had already given birth to at least one litter in her short life. We named her Casey and immediately posted found notices on Nextdoor and Pawboost. Sadly, no one came forward for this cuddly 52-pound pup. Casey was placed in foster care with Janet and Dennis Williams, where she stayed for six weeks. During that time, she learned what tender, loving care truly meant. She was showered with attention, toys, daily walks, and the taste of the good life. While in foster care, Casey received all her vaccinations, was spayed, and microchipped—ready at last for her forever home.

An article featuring Casey appeared in the *SaddleBag Notes* and *SaddleBrooke Progress*. A couple living in the Ranch saw her photo and asked to meet her. When Casey was introduced to Michelle and Bernie Kembitzky, it was love at first sight. Casey (now *Millie*) was adopted on November 21, 2025.

Today, Casey is living her best life as the cherished only pet in her new home—spoiled, adored, and exactly where she belongs. This precious little girl has found the happy ending she deserves.

**MOZART (JOSHUA)**  
*by Rochelle Puczkowskyj - Owner, Ro Rescue*

It was one day after new  
years  
2024  
Headed for the shelter  
With nothing much in store.

I walked into the clinic  
It was a busy day  
A trapper cage was  
balanced  
On a shiny silver tray

I looked inside to see  
A sweet uneasy pet.  
A little creamy poodle  
As I turned to face the vet.

Without a thought, I  
whispered  
I will take him home  
He looked at me and  
whimpered  
His eyes were full of gloom

She said his leg was broken  
Sent me home with meds  
Consulted with my surgeon  
to see if they could help.

Diane sent an email  
To say Latke had passed  
Latke was her treasure  
And knows she can't  
replace

Another dog like Latke  
I fear I do not have  
But if you think you're ready  
A foster, I do have

I said his name is Joshua  
She said that just won't do  
A new name to be proud of  
Something great and new.

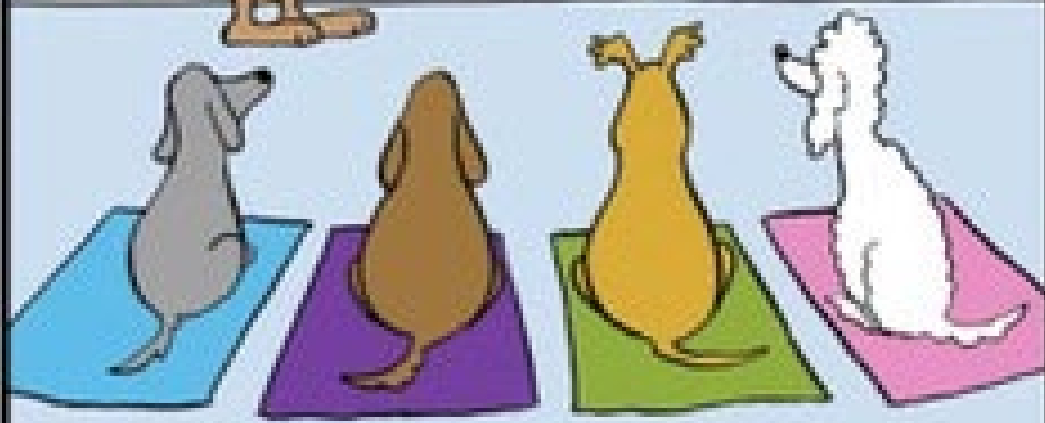
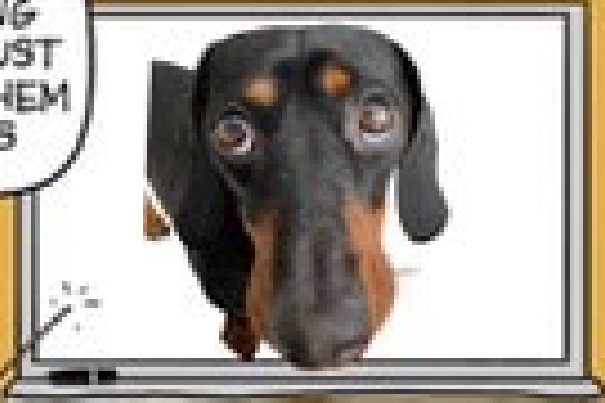
So she named him Mozart  
He is a work of art  
She fell in love with Mozart  
t'was matched from the start

I would not release him  
Because I was not sure  
The leg still was still not working right  
The surgery did not cure

We made one more appointment  
The surgeon was a gem  
All of this was possible  
Because of S-B-P-R-N



IF YOU DO SOMETHING WRONG, JUST LOOK AT THEM LIKE THIS





## **HAPPY TAIL** **Ivy's Journey** *by Romaine Trudo*

This sweet seven-month-old Black Mouth Cur puppy was discovered on September 11, 2025, running loose along SaddleBrooke Boulevard near the entrance to the Preserve. She had a severely injured tail, no collar, no tags, and no microchip. SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue searched diligently for her owners, but no one came forward—leading us to suspect she had been intentionally abandoned.

Despite her injury, she radiated

energy, joy, and excitement. She was placed in the loving foster care of Mary and Randall Zimmerman, who named her *Sybil* and showered her with kindness. For a month, veterinarians tried to heal her tail, but ultimately recommended amputation. The surgery was performed at the same time she was spayed, ensuring she could move forward pain-free.

By late September, a family adopted her, but sadly returned her a month later. Her exuberance, though endearing, proved overwhelming and posed a risk of injury to one of the adopters. Once again, she found herself in foster care—until her miracle arrived. A SaddleBrooke couple, Sharon and Bryan Kanz, were searching for a playmate for their dog *Honey Bee*, a sweet and playful pup of similar breed. The moment they met *Sybil*, it was clear: this was a match made in heaven. On November 17, 2025, they adopted her, renamed her *Ivy*, and enrolled her in regular training sessions to help channel her boundless puppy energy.

Today, *Ivy* and *Honey Bee* are inseparable best friends. They share a spacious yard to romp in and even a pool to splash around during hot summer days. *Ivy's* journey—from abandonment and injury to love and belonging—reminds us of the power of compassion and second chances.

SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network and *Ivy* herself thank everyone who played a role in rescuing her, keeping her safe, and giving her the happy ending she so richly deserved.



## **PAWS OF GRATITUDE**

### **Where have all your donations gone?**

*By Lisa John*

**Valentine's Day 🍷 is approaching..... a day dedicated to love and generosity. We wanted to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all our generous donors for the incredible support you have shown to our furry friends throughout 2025.**

Through your generous donations, we were able to provide these services to our **SaddleBrooke community.**

1. Rescued and rehomed 18 animals that were either lost or abandoned here in SB.
2. Rehomed 13 animals for SB residents that were unable to care for their beloved pet at home.
3. Facilitated 3 adoptions between our adoption partners and SE residents.

**For our adoption partners**, we provided the following grants to use at their discretion.

Oracle Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation (OARR) \$11,500.00  
Cherished Tails \$7,880.80  
Pawsitively Cats \$3,500.00  
Lifeline Oro Valley Animal Rescue (LOVAR ) \$1,600.00  
Friends of Pinal County Animal Shelter \$6,880.16  
RoRescue \$2,000.00

**GRAND TOTAL \$33,360.96**

**And in addition, your donations helped to fund the following services**

1. Vet Bills for the rehomed and rescued animals \$7597.30
2. Boarding of one abandoned animal as we were unable to find a foster \$810.00
3. Training one rescued animal for a potential adopter \$60.00
4. Rawhide Feed gift certificates for food for our rescue partners \$5000.00

Thank you all so much for your generosity! You have made a huge difference in the lives of many animals!

**Until there are none: save one**

<https://sbpetrescue.org>

**Me:  
Why do  
you bark  
at nothing?**



**My dog:  
Do I bark  
at nothing  
or is there  
nothing  
because  
I bark?**

<https://files.constantcontact.com/a7df9c91901/625fd40b-04b5-4f5b-b4ac-9f7bf84764cd.jpg?rdr=true>



**Dear Animal Lovers**  
*By Diane Korn*

As we begin another year of rescuing and caring for animals in need, we're reminded how deeply your kindness transforms lives. Every dog, cat, and companion you help gives us another reason to hope — another chance to see a frightened, forgotten pet feel safe and loved again.

Your donation to SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue truly makes that possible. It provides food, shelter, medical care, and, most importantly, a second chance for homeless and abandoned animals who have nowhere else to turn.

Please consider making a gift today. Your compassion brings hope, healing, and happiness to pets still waiting for their forever homes. Together, we can open hearts, change lives, and give every animal the love they deserve.

Donate online at: <https://sbpetrescue.org/> or send check to:

SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network  
15270 N Oracle Road  
Suite 124, Box 112  
Tucson, AZ 85739

Thank you for your compassion and support.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS MUCH APPRECIATED**  
*Romayne Trudo*

SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support. This year's Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle was a tremendous success. Thanks to the dedication of our SBPRN volunteers and the generosity of our community, ticket sales brought in **\$3,500.00**

These funds will be immediately distributed to the rescue groups and shelters we support, helping to pay down veterinary bills and purchase much-needed equipment and food for homeless cats and dogs in our area. Several Board members attended the December 11th drawing at Reid Park Zoo. While no one in SaddleBrooke took home the Kia Carnival, the first-class airline tickets, or the \$5,000 cash prize, the **true winners** are the animals who will now be warm, well cared for, and well fed this winter.

We are excited to share that we will once again participate in the **2026 Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle**. We hope you will consider supporting us again—giving you another chance to dream about which incredible prize you might win, while helping animals in need. Thank you for making a difference.

**Rawhide Feed and Supply**

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## RAWHIDE FACILITATES PET FOOD DONATION

Pet food is constantly needed by our local pet rescues, and our collaboration with Rawhide Feed & Supply makes it simple and rewarding for you to help.

Purchase pet food at Rawhide at a 10% discount and let them know that it's for the SaddleBrooke Pet Rescue Network (SBPRN). Their fantastic team will pack and deliver your donation directly to our monthly First Friday pet rescue event.

### **\*\*\*Bonus\*\*\***

Enjoy the 10% discount on personal pet items you purchase from Rawhide Feed anytime - just mention you are a SaddleBrooke resident!

Rawhide Feed & Supply is located at 3302 E. Edwin Drive in Catalina, just a few minutes from SaddleBrooke.

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