

# Paw Prints

A Newsletter  
for the Friends and  
Supporters of  
The Animal League of  
Green Valley

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## Checho's Wheels

**N**ot long ago I lived in terror, chained in a yard and beaten with a stick so severely that I lost one of my legs.



Some Good Samaritans documented the abuse; and when it went viral on social media, I was removed from that terrible place (and my owners are being prosecuted). But that's pretty much behind me and now I'm finding kindness around every corner.

I'm Checho, a 2-year-old, 40-pound heeler/terrier mix. Despite what I've been through, my foster family says I'm learning to trust humans again. Becca Valenzuela and her son Miguel, my compassionate foster parents, describe me as "a friendly, gentle, forgiving, and obedient boy who loves to be around people." I even like the family cat.



Thanks to TALGV, since arriving last fall I've been fitted for a prosthetic cart by Kate Titus from "A Loyal Companion," a canine gym, swim, recreation and rehabilitation center in Tucson. It was pretty strange at first—maneuvering around obstacles was particularly difficult because I had to

compensate for the extra width and a different turning radius—but I persisted in my drivers' ed classes in spite of stops, stumbles, and spin outs. Now that I've gotten the hang of it, it's such a great feeling to be mobile again. I go out for walks with Becca & Miguel several times a day, and sometimes we even **run** just for the pure joy of being alive.

As the next step in my recovery, I'm being fitted for a brace on my "good" left leg because my balance is off and I've compensated by walking on my "wrist" instead of my paw. If I keep doing this, I'll have permanent injury to my leg, and after all I've been through, I sure don't want **that** to happen. The brace will force me to use my paw when walking, like other dogs do. Once I adjust, my therapist hopes I'll be able to move around the house with no assistance at all and only need to use my wheels when I'm out for daily walks.

It's been a long, rough journey from there to here, but happily I've found that the good people **way** outnumber the bad ones. With lots of love and help from foster parents Becca & Miguel, therapist Kate, and all my friends at TALGV, I know that my bad days are over. I feel safe and loved, and I'm looking forward to a joyous future in my forever home.



## National Specially-Abled Pets Day

May 3

*What I do have...is plenty of love.*



An AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB Program

# Canine Good Citizens—Dogs with Good Manners

by Jennifer Symons

Once a week, a small group of TALGV dogs meet with their volunteer handlers and a professional dog trainer in The Animal League’s community room. The dogs learn, practice, and sometimes undergo testing. Through the rest of the week, the trainers and dogs meet individually to review the same lessons. Their common goal? To earn the American Kennel Club’s coveted Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certificate.

The CGC certificate represents success in what many consider the gold standard program for dog behavior. As you would expect, achieving this award is not a simple matter. It is granted only to dogs who successfully pass ten specific tests that demonstrate their ability to maintain good manners at home and in the community. To pass the ten tests, a dog must:

- Accept a friendly stranger.
- Sit politely for petting.
- Sit politely for an evaluation of appearance and grooming.
- Go out for a short walk with right and left turns and stops on command.
- Walk through a crowd without jumping up.
- Obey sit, down, and stay commands.
- Come when called.
- React to another dog, showing only casual interest.
- React to distracting noises and movements with no panicked or aggressive behavior
- Show calm behavior while handler is out of sight for three minutes (supervised separation).

To date, thirty-five TALGV dogs have earned the CGC certificate. Most of these dogs have been adopted, but eight of them are still available: Kilo, Gilroy, Petey, Butchie, Clyde, Tiger, Diamond and Juan.

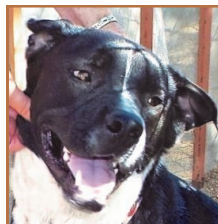
could make wonderful companions, but have not been adopted yet. Maybe they’re big, or tough-looking, or shy, or not a spring puppy any more. Of course, a CGC certificate does not mean that a dog is a perfect pet. However, it demonstrates to a potential adopter that this dog has the “right stuff”—they have been tested and have proven themselves capable of learning, obeying, and minding their manners.

Next time you’re at The Animal League, please look for the blue ribbons on the yellow congratulatory cards that are either outside the dog’s run or in the west wing hallway with the photos and biographies. These cards identify a CGC dog—not just a dog in training, but a dog who has received their CGC certificate. You can also see the CGC designation in the dog’s biography on TALGV’s website.

This month, another small group of TALGV dogs will start their training. They will practice, learn, and maybe test for the AKC Canine Good Citizen certificate. And as an added bonus, while they learn important lessons about good manners at home and in the community, those TALGV dogs also will have fun and will know that they are loved. So, whether the dogs achieve their CGC certificate today or sometime in the future, CGC class is a win-win for all of us!



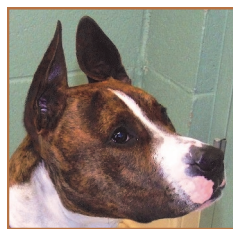
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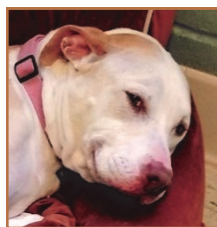
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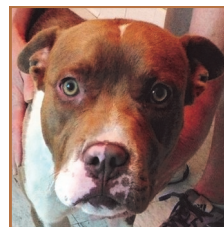
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Tiger



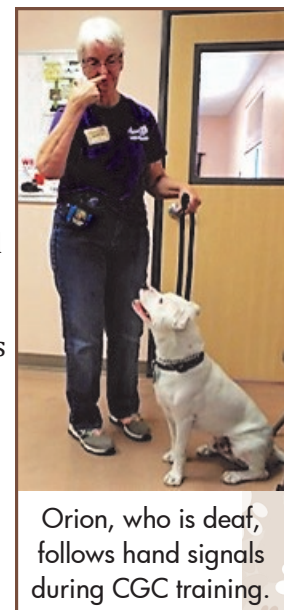
Diamond



Juan

For TALGV dogs, their performance on the test is evaluated by professional dog trainer Jill Cruz of Central Pet. To earn a CGC, a dog must successfully pass *all* ten tests on the same evaluation day. Also, while treats are used during initial training, they cannot be used during the test. The dog must have learned good manners for their own sake rather than just for the tasty treat. Incidentally, a dog never “fails” a test; they either pass or are marked as “needs training.”

Dogs of all ages and sizes (excepting only very young puppies) are chosen for training. “Overlooked” dogs are great for CGC class—that is, dogs who



Orion, who is deaf, follows hand signals during CGC training.



# Give Your Heart to the Animals

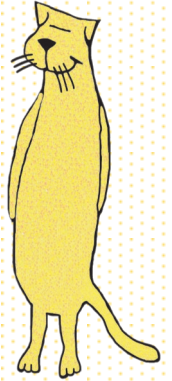
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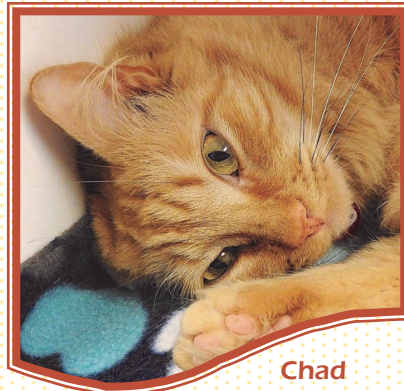
A heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the many participants, contributors, and volunteers.  
 Couldn't attend? Mark your calendars for next year's event on February 17, 2018

## Cats Rule!

**Aren't we beautiful?  
 We're ready for adoption!**



Jelly Bean



Chad



Buttercup



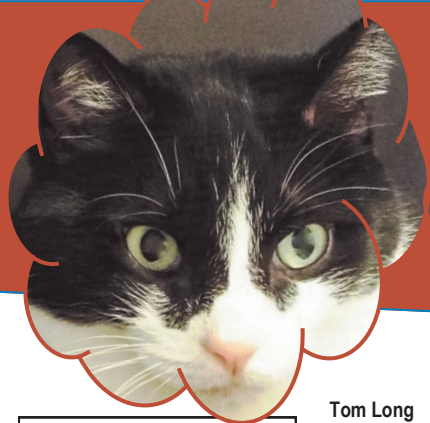
Sasha



Marcella & Casper are bonded and should be adopted together

wish list

- ◆ Outreach Program needs: Wet or dry food for cats and dogs (opened bags accepted) ◆
- ◆ Wire cat brushes ◆ Cat beds ◆
- ◆ Leashes, collars, harnesses ◆ Any type of grooming products ◆
- ◆ New or used toys ◆ Treats ◆



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~ Mini Makeover at The Attic Thrift Store ~  
 With the new overhang, donations and the volunteers  
 who receive them get protection from the sun and rain.



~ NEW items and GREAT prices at The Attic every day ~

## Looking Fore-ward...



DOIN' IT FORE THE ANIMALS

TALGV's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament & FUNdraiser  
 Monday, May 1 @ Desert Hills Golf Club

Contact Jeanne Damitio  
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*And what did a TALGV cat care coordinator  
 recently find in a Tucson antique shop?*



*It's an all-aluminum, 1940 pet carrier! Her pets will travel in style now.*

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# 2016 in Review

Thanks to *YOU* — our many loyal friends, supporters & volunteers — during 2016, The Animal League of Green Valley:

-  Took in **376** cats and **678** dogs.
-  Found homes for **403** cats and **604** dogs.
-  Reunited **7** cats and **84** dogs with their owners.
-  Spent:
  - \$39,964** for animal food and **\$5,829** for kitty litter.
  - \$66,142** to spay or neuter more than **1200** pets in our Outreach Program.
  - \$479,548** on medical care for sick and injured cats and dogs.
-  Supported **600** families with Outreach assistance for their pets.
-  Generated **half** of the year's proceeds from sales at The Attic Thrift Store.
-  Provided foster care in the homes of **100** foster-care volunteer families.
-  Had **600** active volunteers...*and NO paid staff...* who worked a total of **134,839** hours, the equivalent of **78** full-time employees.

Just two of the many faces of TALGV



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for the animals



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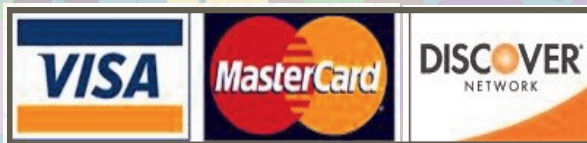
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**Tipsy says:**  
**It is what's inside  
that is important.**

*Paw Prints* Editor - Mary Ziegelbauer

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