

# Paw Prints

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## Theo Hit the Jackpot

When little Theo arrived at HALO, he was quite frightened and showed his fear by curling his lip and snarling. It took our team a few weeks to earn his trust, and we found that underneath that bravado was a sweet boy who would dance in greeting once he learned to trust you and couldn't get enough snuggles.

It took a special someone to see through Theo's fear. Enter Luis, his doting new dad! Theo absolutely adores riding shotgun and staring longingly at his dad. They have already taken a trip by airplane to meet Luis' parents and have driven many miles together in search of new places to walk.

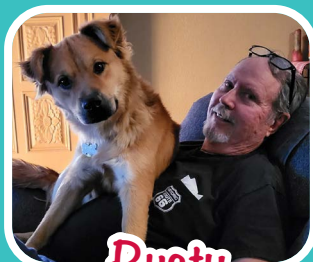
**Thanks to your support we can make love connections like Luis and Theo!**



Learn More About a Few of Our Amazing Rescues Inside!



Pixie

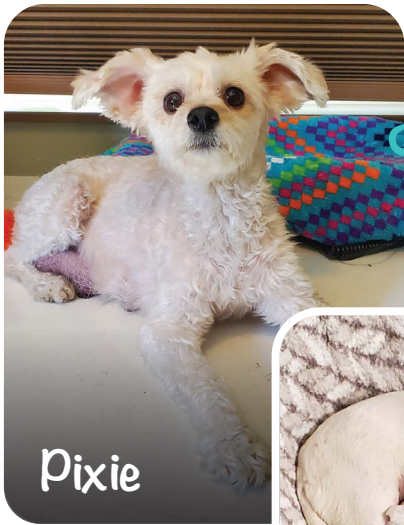


Rusty



Alfred





Pixie



Twinkles

## Meeting People Where They're At

Pixie and Twinkles came to HALO in separate situations when their owners found themselves in need of help. Both of these girls had recently given birth, and their families felt unprepared to care for mom and their growing babies. The families didn't want to surrender the mother dogs. While we do not normally take in pets on a temporary basis, we knew in their cases we could help.

Just as in life, in rescue, we must work within a set of parameters for daily operation, but we also have to be flexible when it counts to keep pets and their people together when possible. HALO's CEO fosters over 150 dogs in her home each year by caring for up to four nursing moms and their puppies at a time. Twinkles, Pixie, and their puppies were eleven of those lucky pups in 2022.

After they were done nursing and had been spayed, Pixie and Twinkles went back to their homes to the waiting arms of their families, who missed them dearly during their time away.



**Thanks to your support,  
we were able to say yes to them.**

## Partnering to Help Navajo Nation Puppies

In Arizona we partner with many individuals and shelters who are serving the rural and impoverished parts of the state. The needs of the dogs on the Navajo Nation are immense. Thanks to your assistance, we can help dozens of litters of puppies find their way to health and new homes each year. Nothing makes us happier than to bridge the gap from homelessness to beloved pet!



## Rusty Shares the Remote

Puffy, now known as Rusty, is enjoying the good life with his new family. They wrote us to say:

He is the most loving fur baby. He loves to be a lap dog. He doesn't chew on anything and is housebroken. He is so awesome, love him!



Keep the updates coming, HALO adopters!

## Abused Kitten Finds Love



This sweet house panther, Ambrose, was found by a Good Samaritan. She had both of her front legs tied together



with a rubber band so she could not walk and another rubber band on her back leg that had likely been around both legs at one time. They were so tight she could have lost her limbs had she not been discovered when she was.

Fortunately, she does not have any lasting physical or emotional scars, and was adopted quickly by a new family who dotes on her.

## Third Time's the Charm for Beni

This adorable, bat-eared Chihuahua came to HALO with twelve other litters. They were living out of their family's car as they had become homeless. The family realized this was not a viable long-term solution so we stepped in to help.



These pups were very scared, and several of them took quite some time to warm up to the loving hands of strangers, and Beni was returned twice before landing in his permanent home due to his fear and reactive barking.



Benicio del Toro Babbit, aka Beni for short, now has a nana and papa who dress him up for Halloween, are getting help from a trainer, and shower him with all the love. **Your support makes these moments possible!**

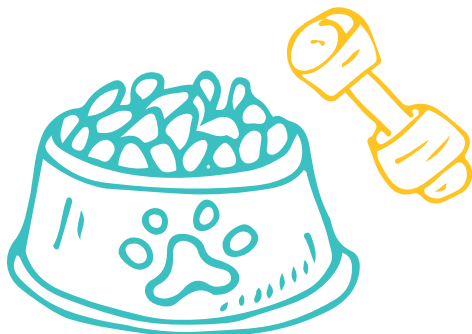
# Amazon Delivers!

You might not find gloves and isolation gowns to be exciting gifts if they were under your Christmas tree, but we feel like Santa arrived early here at the shelter!

In November, Amazon delivered **21 PALLETS** of gloves and gowns, with a retail value of \$109,000! This extremely generous gift is saving us tons of dollars we normally have to spend to keep these items in stock and allowing us to divert those funds to the pets in our care.

Thank you,  
Amazon!

**amazon**



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!

# Legacy Planning

Do you have a plan for your pets should something happen to you?

Ava and Ari's mom lived alone and had no family in town who were able to provide a home for her two beloved cats at the time of her passing. Fortunately, she had a plan in place with HALO to care for her cats until a new home could be found for them.

In speaking with her, it gave her such peace of mind to know the pets who brought her so much comfort and joy would be safe and nurtured.

Ava and Ari were adopted together to a new family shortly after arriving at the shelter.

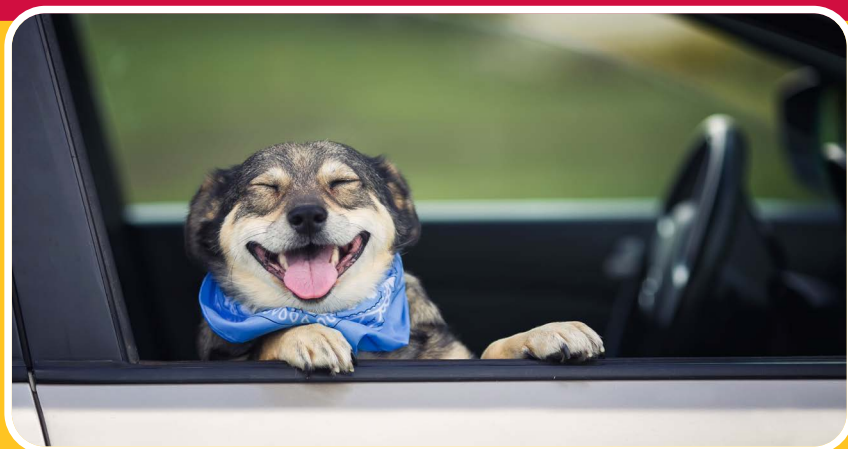


## Not sure how to get started?

Call 602-971-9222 ext. 105 or email [halosupporter@halorescue.org](mailto:halosupporter@halorescue.org) to request your HALO Animal Rescue planned giving package.

# 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](mailto:halosupporter@halorescue.org).



# Our 2022 Impact

Numbers below reflect January - December 2022



Intake:  
**3,166**

Dogs: **1,975**

Cats: **1,191**



Adoptions:  
**2,904**

Dogs: **1,818**

Cats: **1,122**



Pets in Foster Care:  
**630**

Intakes Per Month:  
**264**

Pets in Care Daily:  
**260**



# Kittens on the Mend

Alfred, Raleigh, Vanessa, and Kai arrived from different sources with varying backgrounds, but what they all had in common was the need for immediate medical intervention.

Kai came to us with third-degree burns on his head and face, while the other three kittens had severely infected eyes from a rampant upper respiratory infection. Kai has recovered nicely from his burns, with only a small spot left to heal.

Alfred, Raleigh, and Vanessa had to have their injured eye removed, making them the most adorable Popeye kitties on the planet!



Thanks to your support, we were able to pounce into action and get these babies purring again.



## Shop, Save, Donate! ~ Great Deals on Great Stuff!



### HALO THRIFT BOUTIQUE

11649 N Cave Creek Road | 602.274.3444

Tuesday through Saturday 10:00AM-5:00PM  
Sunday 10:00AM - 4:00PM, Closed Monday



Donated Items Help Animals Live On

## \$5.00 OFF

Any purchase of \$25.00 or more

One coupon per customer.  
Not valid if duplicated.  
Expires 06/30/23

# Letter from the President

This year starts HALO's 29<sup>th</sup> year in operation. TWENTY-NINE years! My mother and I started this organization out of our homes when the Animal Welfare landscape here felt like "the wild west." In the mid-'90s, there was no coalition of shelters. High-quality, affordable spay and neuter clinics had not been created here yet.

It wasn't until 2001 that a coalition was formed, and we really began to collect and analyze data to create life-saving strategies. Phoenix shelter intakes were just over 100,000 animals per year, and less than half of those pets were making it out of the shelters alive. It is THE reason we created this organization — to help save lives. I'm very proud to say I have been sitting around the table since 2001 with the other directors of the local major shelters in a collaborative spirit to ensure we are keeping a stronghold on our collective successes. If you are a data nerd like me, check out the stats at [www.fixadoptsave.org](http://www.fixadoptsave.org) to see how far we have come in 20 years as a community.

I'm not content with HALO simply providing for the pets within our walls. It's our privilege to think and act in a broader way, to help create and implement strategies and programs that will reduce shelter intakes, increase adoptions, and be a safety net for the humans and people who need us.

This past year was, and the year or two to come will be, the hardest we've had to face due to the volume of need, more so than I've seen in a decade. And it isn't just here; it's across the country. But I know that, just as in previous times of hardship, you, our supporters, have rallied behind us so we can continue to be there for our beloved critters, **Helping Animals Live On!** Thank you from the bottom of my heart and cheers to 29 years!



Heather Allen, CEO,  
and her dog, Gulliver

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



Building a Legacy of Community Grantmaking since 1998



To learn more about our life-saving programs, visit our website at [halorescue.org](http://halorescue.org).

**Main Shelter**  
3227 East Bell Road  
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**PetSmart Charities Everyday Adoption Center**  
Deer Valley  
2901 West Agua Fria Freeway  
Phoenix, AZ 85027  
(623) 492-9045 Option 9

**Thrift Boutique**  
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