

Morning Starr No-Kill Animal Sanctuary

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Newsletter

It Just Keeps Getting Better for Marshmallow the ferret!

Marshmallow and Cocoa go together like a horse and carriage. Marshmallow arrived on November 11, 2007 when two good hearted women found her roaming in the Prescott area and took the time to bring her to the sanctuary. At that time she had a very small growth on the tip of her tail.

Cocoa arrived on November 17, 2007 and he was found roaming around by himself up in Flagstaff. Another good hearted person took the time to bring him down to the sanctuary. These two just got along right away and have been together since. The growth on Marshmallow's tail, which is called a Chordoma, slowly got bigger and bigger until it was so heavy she could not lift the end of her tail. It was time to have it removed. Well, on January 20th Marshmallow went down to Phoenix for her surgery. It was a great success and she was even eating on the trip home, which is a very good sign. Her tail might be a bit shorter than before but it no longer has the heavy growth. The surgery cost \$220. Thanks to the wonderful donations at the end of the year we had were able to pay the full amount of the vet bill. She is healing and will be ready soon for adoption to that special home for ferrets with short tails.

Marshmallow and Cocoa must stay together.



UNCHAIN MY HEART!

Rarely does a chained or tethered dog receive sufficient care. Tethered dogs suffer from sporadic feedings, overturned water bowls, inadequate veterinary care, and extreme temperatures. During snow storms, these dogs often have no access to shelter. During periods of extreme heat, they may not receive adequate water or protection from the sun. What's more, because their often neurotic behavior makes them difficult to approach, chained dogs are rarely given even minimal affection. Tethered dogs may become "part of the scenery" and can be easily ignored by their owners.

A chained animal may suffer harassment and teasing from insensitive humans, stinging bites from insects, and in the worst cases, attacks by other animals. Chained dogs are also easy targets for thieves looking to steal animals for sale to research institutions or to be used as training fodder for organized animal fights. Finally, dogs' tethers can become entangled with other objects, which can choke or strangle the dogs to death.

By providing your dog with proper exercise, "people time" and training, you may alter undesirable behaviors and teach acceptable house manners.

If you have behavior problems try this,

<http://www.cesarmillaninc.com>

or call me (Fran) at 928-821-2420

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A TRIBUTE TO ZEKE

Early in 2007 I journeyed to Cornville with the intentions of looking at a pair of ferrets that had been recommended to us for our family. Zeke and Milo were two senior ferrets who had lived at Morning Starr for about two years. On that first day, Lucy and her adorable little face suckered us and our family returned home with her and her cage mate Rick instead. I couldn't get Zeke and Milo out of my head. Zeke especially had really hammed it up for us when we were there and "smiled" at me. That smile stuck and a couple of weeks later, we drove back to get Zeke and Milo. I would have it no other way!

It wasn't long before we realized that our Deedums (Zeke) was unique. He fell instantly in love with our fifth female ferret Poquito and chased her endlessly through the house making little happy noises. She reveled in all the attention and thrived on the chase of the game. Zeke had another interesting quality. He would fetch toilet paper rolls on command. I would coax, "Deedee where's your baby?" he would disappear to one of his many stash spots and re-appear moments later with a toilet paper roll dangling from his teeth. The way he carried his "babies" was adorable. He actually pranced when he moved his precious cargo from point A to point B and he was so proud of himself!

He was also the escape artist of the family prompting a visit to Home Depot for some giant clips to hold the cage doors shut. So many times he was busted running loose, it took a while to figure out that he was pushing the cage door opened with his head and squeezing through. Originally we didn't think he could make himself that skinny. Boy, were we wrong! Zeke came to us completely furry from head to toe. Weeks later he lost all of the hair on his tail except for a cute little tuft at the end. We called it a lions tail.

In October of 2008, adrenal failure abruptly took my little guy and left a gigantic hole in our family dynamic. We knew he was sick but opted to not go through with surgery due to his age. Poquito no longer had a play mate, Milo's cage mate was gone, and my heart is still broken. I console myself with the knowledge that I gave Zeke the best shot possible. We fought hard to keep him going including a blood transfusion donated by Lucy and Poquito. I promised all of my "kids" that I would give them a second chance that they so desperately deserved. In retrospect, Morning Starr actually gave them that second chance, I simply participated after the fact.

Zeke will always be remembered by our family and be in our hearts as the ferret with the lions tail who smiled. We will continue to miss him horribly. He took a piece of me when he left but I am so grateful for the time I had with him. He made our lives better and brought us so much joy. Zeke also made a great impact on his treating vet who is now researching establishing a blood bank for ferrets in Zeke's memory. My little guy lives on in our hearts and hopefully someday soon, a life saving blood bank will exist for other ferrets in his commemoration. Thank you Morning Starr for my baby and the fantastic care you take of all animals that cross your doorstep. I am so glad that Zeke chose us to be his family.

Sincerely,
Anna



Greyhounds

There are many Grey's under one year old for adoption! All are wonderful Grey's who are looking for a family to love them. Please consider one of these guys!

If you are interested in adopting the puppies or any of the other greyhounds please contact:

Greyhounds of the Verde Valley, Inc.
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BARBARA ADOPTED

Barbara, who was a shy little girl is now in her new home in Utah! She was adopted to be a companion for another ferret named Armor. She never wanted to play with any of the ferrets at the sanctuary and always just hid when we introduced her to other ferrets. This is what her new owner has to say. "How funny she fooled everyone. She is getting better, but will slyly walk up to the side of Amor and then all of sudden grab his neck. He pouted for a couple of days because he won't fight back. So I brought them out into the rest of the house while the cat and dog were outside. They ran around hopping and chuckling trying to play with each other but keeping their distance. Barbara gets so excited she moon walks on the tips of her toes. It is so funny to see. They are doing fine and will eventually play with each other. When I go in they will play with me individually, so I know they are OK."



We are happy for Barbara!



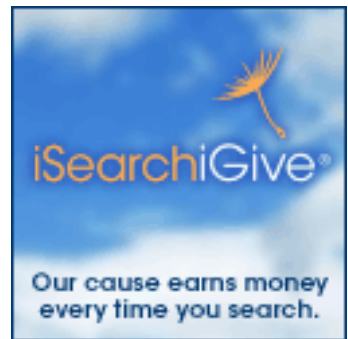
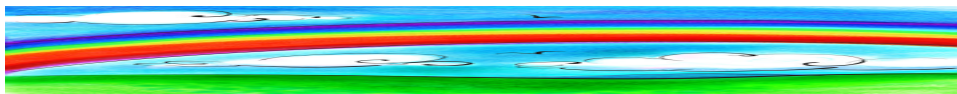
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WE SAY FAREWELL TO MOLLY THE PYGMY GOAT AND PAUL THE FERRET

Molly was the senior crippled goat that was kept in a fraternity house whose occupants did not give her very good care. She was raised on candy and alcohol. Someone fell on her and broke her back leg. She walked in a special way in order to get around. In her time with us she had lots of other goat friends, who will miss her greatly. She was a sweetheart and we miss her too.

Paul may be well known to some of you as he was one of our oldest ferrets and he always went with us to the "Ferret Information Days" at Cody's Emporium in Sedona. He even got his picture in the Red Rock News. He loved those days and all the attention. He was always very gentle with the people who would want to hold him. He made many peoples first experience with a ferret a great one! He was with us since 2006. We miss him very much!



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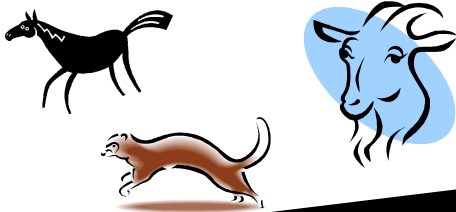
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