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with the help of:

**Barb's Dog Rescue**

## Fixing the Hitch in His Step

### Meet Bigotes

Despite being injured by humans and left to fend for himself, Bigotes, or "Stache," never let that alter his spirit. After arriving from Barb's Dog Rescue in Mexico, they couldn't help but notice something was a little off about this playful young dog. X-rays revealed he had previously broken his femur and without medical attention, it had healed improperly, leading to a hitch in his step. While at HALO, he underwent surgery to repair his old injury so he could lead a full, pain-free life. Thanks to our supporters for providing the funds to fix him up! After spending some time in foster care to recover, Bigotes was adopted into his new home where he loves to play ball, hike, and enjoy time with his family.



Learn More About a Few of Our Amazing Rescues Inside!



**Ginger**



**Leila**



**Oso**



**Oliver**



**Foxy**



## A Heart of Gold

### Meet Leila

Sweet Leila is a wonderful dog who had a bit of bad luck. With a heart of gold, Leila loves to cuddle, have her belly rubbed, and spend time with her foster family. However, Leila needed surgery. She had previously had an operation on an injured leg that the doctor described as disastrous and would need to be repaired. Leila was also the recipient of some generous donations from Facebook, as well as our HALO supporters to help fund her operation, which despite the infection in her leg, was a great success. Leila did hit a lucky streak after all and was eventually adopted by a loving family. Fortunately for her, there are so many great individuals associated with HALO who have helped Leila, and so many like her go on to new homes.



## Your Donation of Goods Helps Pets Heal

When Picard came to HALO, he was sick. His eyes had cloudy scars and his nose was running like a faucet. At HALO, Picard got medicine and a soft, comfy bed. Good sleep helped Picard fight off his illness. Soon he was well enough to be adopted into a loving home. When you donate goods like pet beds and paper towels, your gifts are directly put to work giving sick pets like Picard the care they need.



### Wish List

**Soft treats, new dog and cat toys (with or without catnip), gift cards, poop bags, medium-sized blankets or towels, Kongs, Forever Postage Stamps, copy paper 8.5 X 11, powder-free gloves, dog and cat beds**

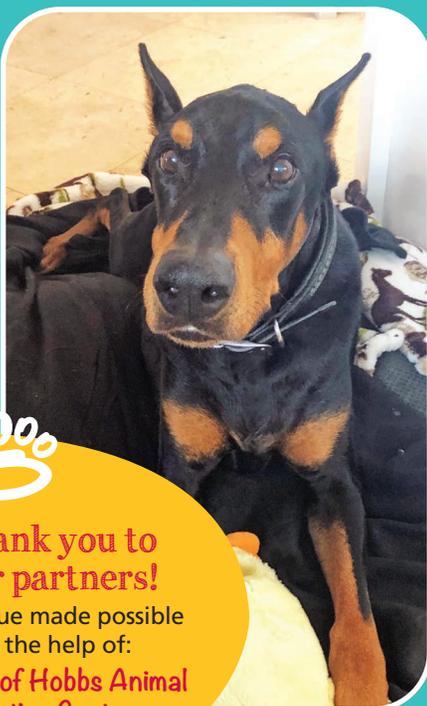
# A Mother's Love

## Meet Dragonfruit

Dragonfruit came to HALO a week away from her due date. Not only was she pregnant, but she needed an evaluation of her right eye. She went to an experienced foster home where she gave birth to six kittens. She was such a doting mother and enjoyed the snuggles of her foster mom as well. Not only did she care for her babies, but when an orphaned litter arrived at the shelter at the same time that her kittens were weaning, she took on the new litter with the help of supplemental bottle feedings by her foster mom. Thanks to your support, we were able to save Dragonfruit and her babies, and she immediately paid it forward by caring for other motherless babies.



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**City of Hobbs Animal  
Adoption Center**

# A Gentle Soul Finds a Home

## Meet Oso

When Oso's owner was no longer able to care for him due to illness, he was found homeless at our partner shelter in Hobbs, New Mexico. Oso was having orthopedic issues due to old age and a condition referred to as Wobbler Syndrome. **Thanks to our HALO supporters he received a check up and medication to manage his minor aches and pains.** Not to be fazed by his uncommon walk, Oso loves every dog and person he encounters and is truly a wonderful and gentle soul so we were not surprised when he quickly won over the hearts of his new family. He acclimated extremely well to his new home and loves to play with his siblings who don't seem to mind his wobbles one bit!



## A Squeaky Clean Kitty

### Meet Oliver

Phoenicians are synonymous with washing their cars, but it is one of the last places you would expect to find a stray kitten. Little Oliver here was just a few days old when he was found in the tracks of a local car wash, cold and alone. He was brought into HALO where he received all of his vaccinations and then spent some time with a surrogate mother and siblings before being sent home with a foster. As he grew, so did his personality and affection towards others. Thanks to the help of our fosters, volunteers, and donors, kittens just like Oliver are able to find their forever homes.





# Age is Just a Number

## Meet Foxy

They say that age is just a number and when it comes to our friend Foxy, that is true! Even at 10-years-old she is full of life, super friendly, and loves to come running at the sound of any food wrapper. Despite having an old fracture in her leg that was never addressed prior to arriving at HALO, Foxy was all smiles and snuggles for us humans. With the help of some of our gracious donors, and a little help from our friends on Facebook, HALO was able to get her the treatment she needed. Lucky for Foxy, she went into a loving foster home, which eventually turned into her forever home. Foster failure at its finest! Foxy is a great example of how senior pets make the best pets.



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treatment she needed to help  
her find her forever home.**



# A Tongue Wagging Adoption

## Meet Ginger

Can you imagine spending a year in a shelter? That was Ginger's story when we learned about her. The photo with her tongue sticking out was what grabbed our attention from our partner shelter in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Ginger had been overlooked by adopters for a year at their shelter, so we agreed to bring her to HALO for a fresh chance. In a week at HALO she was adopted to a wonderful family and her run with homelessness is a distant memory.



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of Mesilla Valley**

# Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

HALO's pets arrive at our shelter from many sources, including 30% from the public and 70% from other shelters who are bursting at the seams. It's our pleasure to work alongside these organizations to help relieve some of the pressure

they encounter with more animals than adopters, while ensuring Arizona's residents have access to wonderful pets that needed a safe place to stay while searching for their new family. Thank you to our three largest partners:



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## City of Hobbs Animal Adoption Center

In July 2018, HALO began a partnership with the City of Hobbs Animal Adoption Center. Located in Lea County, New Mexico, this shelter handled approximately 6,800 pets in 2019. **Thanks to our partnership, they have been able to send over 1,200 pets to our adoption centers, allowing them to focus on providing more spay/neuter resources to their community's pet owners with an aim on reducing their shelter intakes.** Shelter manager, Melissa Funk said, "We appreciate all of the assistance HALO is providing to our lifesaving efforts and mission."



## Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley

In March 2018, HALO began offering assistance to the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley. Located in Las Cruces, New Mexico, this shelter handled approximately 10,000 pets in 2019. **Since our relationship began, HALO has provided care for over 1,300 pets from the Mesilla shelter.** According to Paul Richardson, Kennel Supervisor, and long-time employee at Mesilla, "The rescue partnership between the ASCMV and HALO continues to be an essential component of our rescue program and essential in helping us meet our positive animal outcome goals."



## Barb's Dog Rescue

In May 2018, HALO began a partnership with Barb's Dog Rescue, located in the Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico, with the city most commonly known as Rocky Point. It is a common vacation destination, especially for many residents of Arizona. Prior to our partnership, Barb's was finding homes for approximately 700 dogs per year. **Now, with our assistance, her life-saving has more than doubled, with 2019 seeing more than 1,500 dogs finding new families in the United States.** According to Barb, "HALO is the best partner I've ever worked with! Without their help we would have to turn away dogs with nowhere else to go."



## HALO Animal Rescue Thrift Boutique: Helping to Further the Mission Year After Year

HALO's benefactor store, HALO Animal Rescue Thrift Boutique, helps further the Rescue's mission each year. Our current location was opened by Co-Founder Michel Herstam, 10 years ago, and thanks to the support of our donors, we continue to thrive each year.

The quality and range of the Thrift Boutique's merchandise are like none other; proving that when people care about a cause, they are happy to donate exquisite pieces. Our regular customers continue to shop with us for unique gifts for their homes, loved ones, and special occasions. Our store offers new items daily, from household essentials, to fantastic furnishings. With new sales and items coming in weekly, it helps keep the store's offerings fresh and customers coming back.

What sets our boutique apart from others is the huge amount of heart and effort that is put into it daily! We have the rare privilege of the same team of loyal and hardworking volunteer's year after year and it shows in the quality of the store, as well as customer service. Because of the help of so many volunteers and employees, the Rescue and the Boutique thrives.

**With the help and support of the community, HALO Animal Rescue Thrift Boutique has been able to provide quality products and will continue to for years to come.** It truly is a team effort, but thanks to the kindness of so many, we are able to give back to the community, while simultaneously helping animals live on.



**SHOP, SAVE, DONATE**



**Great deals on great stuff!**

Donated items  
Help  
Animals  
Live  
On



**HALO Thrift Boutique**  
11649 N. Cave Creek Rd.  
Tue-Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4, Closed Mon  
602-274-3444

One coupon per customer. Not valid if duplicated. Expires 12/31/2020.

**\$5 OFF**  
Purchase of  
\$25  
or more

# Letter From the President



Looking back at 2019, we have so much to be grateful for! We have helped save the lives of more than 4,000 homeless dogs and cats and have enriched the lives of countless humans who have the honor of sharing their home with these pets. We never lose sight

of the privilege our supporters bestow on us by giving us the resources to continue our mission each and every day. Our partnerships with several shelters continue, allowing these organizations a safe place to send some of their adoptable animals, giving them the pressure relief they so desperately need. We also continue to be a safety net for animals in our community who are down on their luck and need a helping hand. Thank you for taking the time to share your love and passion for animals with us. As we enter a new decade, we look forward to continuing to be a resource for our community to find their next best friend. With your support we will continue on our mission of Helping Animals Live On.

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

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Our Community Commitment

# Our 2019

# Impact

## Total Served:

# 4,442

Dogs Adopted: **2,919**

Cats Adopted: **1,245**



Foster Families: **107**



Pets in Foster Care: **856**

Partner Shelters: **45**



**HALO**  
Animal Rescue

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

**Main Shelter**  
3227 East Bell Road  
Suite D151  
Phoenix, AZ 85032  
(602) 971-9222

**PetSmart Charities Everyday**  
Adoption Center  
Deer Valley  
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(623) 492-9045 Option 5

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