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## HALO FOSTER HOMES RESCUE HUNDREDS OF AT-RISK PETS

1 in 10 HALO pets spends time in foster care



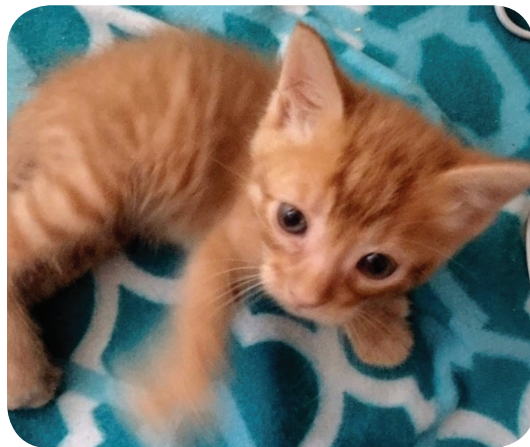
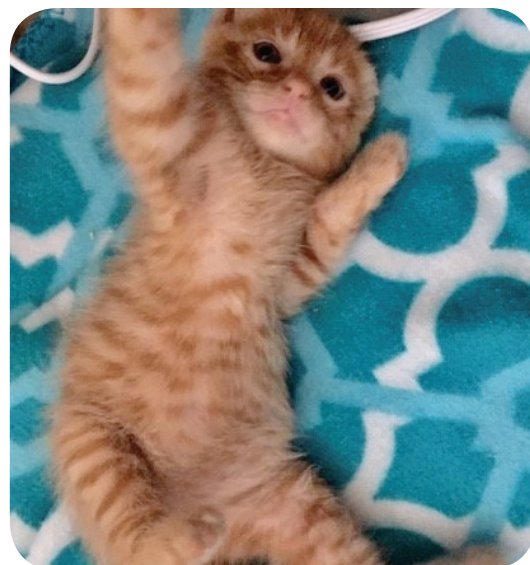
Milhouse was a typical foster pet. He was scrawny and dirty. He was covered in fleas and he was sneezing. One of his eyes was so infected and inflamed that he could barely open it. At just 6 weeks old, poor Milhouse was a mess, until he found his way to HALO Animal Rescue.

In 2016, 816 HALO pets like Milhouse were cared for in foster homes. That means about 1 in every 10 HALO pets spends

time in a foster home. Some foster pets are too young, others are sick, and others are afraid. They need time and support to prepare them for adoption.

Milhouse spent a week under the care of our medical team, and then he went to a foster home where he was spoiled with love and food. After two months of care, he was finally ready for his forever home. Milhouse was adopted just in time for the holidays.

Basic medical care and a loving foster home gave Milhouse the head start he deserved. With the move of HALO's headquarters coming up (see page 4 to learn about the move), the foster network will be even more critical to saving these special pets. Your support has helped and will continue to help our foster program grow during this important time. For more information about fostering email [foster@halorescue.org](mailto:foster@halorescue.org).



# PURINA HELPS HALO PETS THRIVE

Purina donates enough food and litter for all of HALO's pets



HALO is proud to be a Purina Shelter Partner. Purina makes sure that our animals always have the good nutrition they need, including prescription diets for our special needs pets! They also provide go-home bags to help the pets start off on the right paw in their new homes. Their Tidy Cats litter helps us make sure our cats and kittens always have clean litter boxes. We couldn't be more thankful for their support!



Little Rizzo came to HALO after she was found trying to hide in the underbody of a car. Rizzo hid from us at first, but she loved her Purina wet food from the moment she saw it. Thanks to Purina, she grew healthy, learned to trust people, and found a forever home.



Mama dog, Adele came to HALO with four puppies. She was protective of her puppies and didn't want anyone to come near her or them. Adele's foster mom earned her trust by hand feeding her Purina wet food. Once her puppies grew up and her hormones settled down, Adele's friendly personality came out. Adele and her puppies all found forever homes.



Heartfelt thanks to all our wonderful sponsors who are supporting the animals!





# YOU HELPED GIVE THESE ANIMALS HAPPY HOMES!



Hi HALO!

This is Henry, our cat we adopted from you two years ago (and his best friend Lola). He runs the house and has such a personality, we honestly couldn't have found a better family member. Thank you for everything you do for these animals and I hope you can continue to do so!

From,  
Henry's Mom

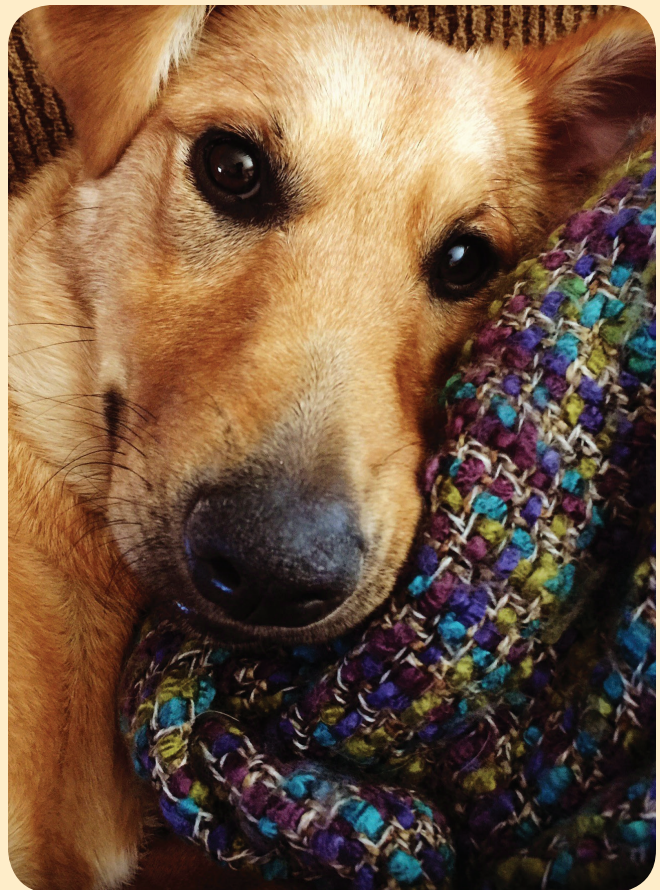


Dear HALO,

We adopted our newest family member through your organization back in February. Bindi came from a litter of Airedale terrier pups that had been rescued from a landfill. Needless to say we just LOVE our little girl and I thought, how cool would it be to share a happily ever after story with you?

I remember that the adoption counselor told us how intelligent Bindi is, how she sits back and observes and takes it all in, she is such a smarty pants. My husband will sit and recite 'Twas the Night Before Christmas in a dog theme talking to her and she is as cute as a child hearing it for the first time. She is so special to us, so thank you again!

Thank you!  
Renee



## Update On HALO's Future

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful year we had in 2016! At HALO, we are honored to have supporters like you! With your help, we were able to break our own best record for number of lives saved. Because of your support, 8,154 pets found new families to call their own last year! We should all take a moment to reflect on this achievement and bask in the warmth it creates in our hearts.

In 2017, HALO is embarking on a new chapter. For the last four years, we have shared space with Animal Control as our main headquarters. **Beginning in May we will have our very own space to house our pets, heal them, and help play match maker for families looking for a new furry friend.** We are excited about this move and we hope you are too! We will continue to work with Animal Control to help ease the load at their shelters. We will also continue our leadership role within the Alliance for Companion Animals, ensuring that the lines of communication and collaboration stay open amongst Arizona's largest animal welfare organizations.

While our new headquarters will be a bit smaller than our previous location, we are excited to announce that we will be ramping up our newest PetSmart Charities Everyday Adoption Center. This will allow us to expand our reach to families in the Valley while providing much needed additional housing space for our community's homeless pets.

As you can see, **our address will be changing but our mission and our drive to save lives will not!** Your support will continue Helping Animals Live On! Thank you all for being so wonderful to HALO's homeless pets.

With gratitude,



Heather Allen  
President and CEO





# KITTIES GET RELIEF FROM EAR MITES



Kathy and Bear had ear mites so bad that they scratched until their ears were deformed, but never found any relief. At HALO, they received treatment to kill the mites and heal their ears.



Both of Kathy's ears were crumpled like cauliflower when she came to HALO. Ear mites had caused Kathy to repeatedly scratch at her ears until they were bleeding. While we were able to get rid of the mites, the bulky and bumpy scar tissue remained. Nothing could be done to put Kathy's ears back to normal, but we were able to provide her with the relief she desperately needed.

Bear's infestation luckily wasn't as bad as Kathy's, but he was very afraid throughout his treatment. Bear would hunker down and try to hide when you came to see him. One of his ears was undamaged, and the other we were able to do surgery on to preserve part of his ear tissue. Once he felt better, Bear started to open up and become friendlier.

After their treatment, Kathy and Bear both found forever homes.

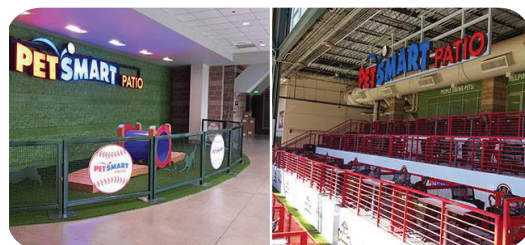
## HALO DOGS FIND FOREVER HOMES AT BALLPARK

### New PetSmart Patio helps rescue dogs find adopters

Have you ever gone to a baseball game and come home with a new dog? Many lucky families did last year. 22 HALO dogs found their forever homes at the ballpark in 2016, including bonded pair Cody and Jun (pictured with their adoptive mom and dad).

These spontaneous adoptions are often built on a true love connection. Maybe a family had been thinking about adopting, but hadn't started looking yet. Maybe they had been looking for a long time, but hadn't found the one. Then, love strikes when they're hardly expecting it! They fall in love with the dog at the ballpark and can't help but take him home. Sometimes, you just need to be in the right place at the right time.

PetSmart sponsored the PetSmart Patio so that pet owners could bring their dogs to the game with them. PetSmart Charities partnered with several locals rescue groups, including HALO, to make sure adoptable dogs were at all Sunday home games last season.



# FROM LEFT BEHIND TO FOREVER HOME

**After surviving loss and illness, overlooked dog, Zeus, finds a forever home**

When Zeus' guardian passed away, he didn't want to eat anymore. We hoped the depression would pass, but it didn't. That is when blood tests revealed that Zeus had Addison's disease, a chronic hormonal disorder.

Zeus needed daily medicine and a monthly injection, but his condition was manageable. For months we spoiled Zeus at our HALO Pet Adoption Center at the Metro Center Mall. He often kept the staff company behind the front counter. He received lots of treats and love. We dressed Zeus up and shared his pictures on Facebook and Twitter, but it seemed like no one wanted an older, chronically ill dog.

We hoped Zeus would get adopted during the Zappos.com "Home for the Pawlidayz" event. Amazingly, we found homes for over 450 pets that weekend, but poor Zeus was the only dog left behind.

We turned to the media with Zeus' tragic story. About a week later, a family stepped forward. They wanted to take Zeus home with them! They spent hours with Zeus and our staff to learn about Zeus' condition and make sure they could give him everything he needed.

We stuck with Zeus through thick and thin. Now he has a wonderful forever home, with two other dogs and a kitty to keep him company.



Your  
support gave  
Zeus medical  
care and a  
loving home.



# 476 PETS FOUND HOMES IN FOUR DAYS

**“Home for the Pawlidayz” waived fee event emptied the kennels at HALO**



During a special “Home for the Pawlidayz” event, 476 HALO cats and dogs found homes thanks to the sponsorship of Zappos.com. The 4-day event went from Black Friday through Cyber Monday and adoption fees were waived on all pets at all of HALO’s locations.

Families from all backgrounds adopt during special events, but waived fee events like “Home for the Pawlidayz” are especially helpful for low-income families and seniors looking to adopt. While some people may lack the funds to pay regular adoption fees, they still provide great homes. With adoption fees waived, families can use their funds for other important pet purchases, like collars, leashes, and training.

The event’s sponsor, Zappos.com, made a large donation to Best Friends Animal Society. They asked Best Friends to use the money to waive adoption fees all across the country. When Best Friends asked HALO to join the event, we jumped at the chance to find homes for hundreds of pets just in time for the holidays.

At the end of the event, HALO had just one dog and twelve cats still available for adoption. Zeus, the one dog remaining after the event, found his home just two weeks later thanks to the help of local news stations.



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# 8,154 LIVES SAVED IN 2016!

Your support of HALO Animal Rescue in 2016 saved more pets than ever before. It was truly a record setting year, with 8,154 lives saved! We found homes for 8,064 cats and dogs here in Arizona, and we transported 90 dogs to out-of-state partner rescues where they found homes in Idaho, Montana, and Canada. Behind every number is a wet nose, so thank you for making all these adoptions possible with your support.



6,751  
dogs like  
Matilda were  
saved in  
2016

Bezee was 10 years old when he ended up at animal control. He was skin and bones and had a runny nose. We gave him a soft bed where he could rest, yummy food to nourish him, and medicine to heal him. Best of all, we found him a home.

1,403  
cats like  
Bezee were  
saved in  
2016



At 12 years old, Matilda had a cough and several rotten teeth that caused her pain. She was picked up as a stray and wouldn't have lasted much longer on her own. At HALO, Matilda got antibiotics for her cough and her teeth were cleaned and the bad ones were pulled out. She felt like a whole new dog and found a family in no time!



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

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