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# Paw Prints



## YOU'VE BEEN HELPING ANIMALS LIVE ON FOR 25 YEARS

Your support rescues pets like Dash and achieves life-saving goals



Dash was starving and dehydrated. The 4-week-old kitten was found abandoned in the attic of a home in Phoenix.

Thankfully, Dash was brought to HALO Animal Rescue where donations from kind people like you gave him everything he needed: food, medical care, and most importantly, a family.

This year, HALO Animal Rescue is celebrating 25 years of saving lives! HALO started as a no-kill cat and dog rescue in 1994 with the goal of ending the euthanasia of adoptable pets in Maricopa County. In the 25 years since then, we've relied on the support of donors like you to help pets like Dash. And you've been amazing!

Every day, your support gives abandoned pets like Dash the care

they need. You've also helped our community achieve some big milestones:

- **More pets are leaving shelters alive.** The Live Release Rate in shelters across Maricopa County has increased from 55% in 2012 to 87% in 2017.
- **Pets in neighboring areas are being helped too.** In addition to helping at home, we're rescuing pets from Pinal County, Los Angeles County and more.
- **Sicker pets are getting more and better care.** 25 years ago, HALO couldn't save pets with sicknesses like heartworm. This year, your support cured five dogs with heartworm. Read more on page 5.



Thank you for saving pets like Dash and so many more over the past 25 years!

# LAYLA SAVED FROM EUTHANASIA

Rejected for a head tilt, Layla was going to be euthanized until you rescued her

Layla was born to a breeder in Mexico, near the Arizona border. When it was discovered that she had problems with her balance, the breeder was going to euthanize her. Thankfully, our rescue partner was able intervene, and Layla found her way to HALO.

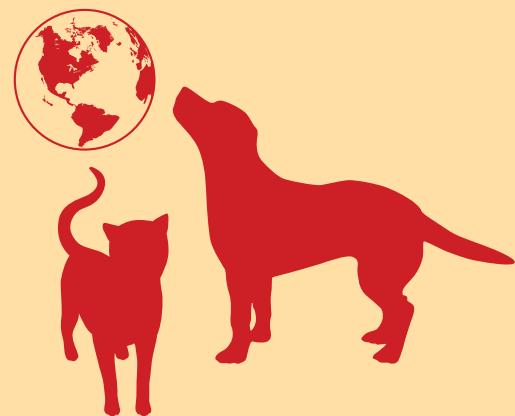
When you first meet Layla, you might not even notice her head tilts to her right. And you might think her stumbling is just a goofy puppy playing. Layla was a happy, lively puppy, but her breeder was going to put her to sleep because they couldn't sell her. Instead, your support helped Layla hitch a ride up to Arizona with a volunteer transporter. When she arrived at HALO, she received a thorough checkup. The exam showed her problems were most likely an inner ear issue, the only treatment needed was time.

Without you, Layla would have died. Donations from caring people like you gave Layla the second chance she desperately needed. Layla's issues may improve in the months to come or she may have a head tilt and a funny walk forever. The family who adopted her is thrilled she is theirs either way. They love her dearly just as she is.



## WILL YOU LEAVE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

Pets give us so much love and joy, while asking little in exchange. One way you can return their love is by including HALO Animal Rescue in your will. Leaving a legacy gift is a unique way to ensure that homeless cats and dogs will be safe and cared for even after you're gone.



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.

# ADOPTION UPDATE: NEGLECTED DOG TOBY THRIVES IN NEW HOME

Toby's guardian shares how both of their lives were forever changed by adoption

Dear HALO,

We adopted Toby. My son really wanted a dog but I wasn't so sure it was a good idea with our lifestyle. I absolutely love dogs, especially the little ones, and I thought if we got a dog, I'd like a Shih Tzu. One morning I heard a commercial on the radio for the HALO dog of the week and it was a "Shih Tzu mix." Well, I had to check it out. We found him in the kennel and he looked at me, we locked eyes, and I was done. He grabbed my soul with that one look and has never let go. He had a hard life, basically living in a cage and was never let out, so when I brought him home and took him outside to use the bathroom, he had no idea what to do, and was afraid of everything (people walking by, cars, birds, etc). He also had no idea how to play.

Within a month, the dog living with me was not the same dog I brought home. He now absolutely loves to play and when I take him for a walk, he will find ways to procrastinate to extend his walk a little longer because he loves it outside. He is a very happy boy.

On my end, words cannot express what he has done to enhance my life. He wakes me up in the morning, so I start each and every day with a smile on my face (and sometimes laughter). He has taught me to stop and "smell the roses" and to enjoy a little playtime every day. I had a hole in my life that I didn't realize was there until the love of Toby filled it to the brim.

Colleen



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# Letter from the President

## HELPING ANIMALS LIVE ON SINCE 1994



Dear Friends,

They say that time flies when we're having fun, and boy has it ever! Never in my wildest dreams did I think that my mother's agreement to become a cat foster and our passion for animals would lead to us celebrating our 25th anniversary of HALO

Animal Rescue! Don't get me wrong; as a kid I always said I wanted to have an animal shelter and my childhood home was where everyone brought the neighborhood strays long before HALO was born, but in the early 90s I didn't know that my mother, my best friend and I would embark on a journey that would carry us through the next 25 years and give so much to our community. Since 1994, HALO has saved the lives of over 65,000 pets, employed hundreds of Arizona residents and been the conduit for so many families seeking a love connection of the furry kind.

The changes in the animal welfare system in Phoenix over the last 25 years has been nothing short of remarkable and I'm so very proud that HALO played a critical role in helping the reform in our shelter systems. Now that our local animal control has a 95% save rate, we have been afforded the opportunity to expand our safety net to neighboring states, and with Mexico's border a short drive away, we have begun partnering with a shelter in Puerto Peñasco.

Over the next 25 years, we will continue to offer assistance to local families who need help finding new homes for their pets as well as lending a helping hand to our neighboring shelters who aren't as fortunate as us to have such an amazing support system from people like you!

With gratitude,

Heather Allen  
President and CEO

We'd like to offer a  
**HEARTFELT  
THANKS**  
to the wonderful  
organizations that  
help support  
HALO's animals!



OUR LIFESAVING WORK IS  
PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:



# YOU CURED FIVE HEARTWORM POSITIVE DOGS

**Pembrook and his friends are now heartworm-free thanks to your outpouring of support**

Your generosity means so much to pets like Pembrook and his friends. In May of 2018, we asked you to help save five dogs with heartworm, including a spunky Corgi named Pembrook who became the “poster dog” for the group.

Without treatment, heartworm is a fatal disease. Your donations gave Pembrook and his friends the expensive and lengthy veterinary care they needed.

Pembrook, Aphrodite, Julie, Dana, and Kayleigh came to HALO from an overcrowded shelter in New Mexico. Soon after arriving, we discovered that they had heartworm disease. Heartworm treatment is outside of HALO’s normal scope, but Pembrook and his friends had nowhere else to go. It was a real challenge! And we needed your help!



Pembrook

Thankfully, animal lovers like you from far and wide answered our call for support. Some folks gave money to pay for the medicine. Other folks gave toys and treats to keep the dogs happy during their kennel rest. Still others volunteered to sit with the dogs and read to them to keep them company.

It took three phases of medicine and more than four months for Pembrook and his friends to finish their heartworm treatment. **We’re thrilled to share with you that Pembrook and his friends have been cured of heartworm and all have found forever homes!**

You never cease to humble and amaze us with your abundance of love and support for our furry friends.



Julie



Dana



Aphrodite



Kayleigh

# CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PURINA PARTNERSHIP

**Over 55,000 HALO pets have received nutritious food from Purina's Shelter Champions program**

HALO became a Purina Shelter Partner in 2009. Back then HALO was finding homes for about 2,000 pets a year.

As HALO has grown to find homes for many, many more pets, Purina has steadfastly supported our shelter pets. **In the past 10 years, Purina has donated food for more than 55,000 HALO pets.**

We see the difference that good food makes every day. Purina pet foods offer the nutritious and consistent diet that our shelter pets need to thrive.

We couldn't be more thankful for Purina's support!



*Angel was neglected and severely malnourished. At HALO, Purina food helped her gain weight and brought a shine back to her coat.*

## YOUR DONATION OF GOODS HELPS PETS HEAL

**Sick pets like Picard can benefit from contributions of beds, toys, and more**

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

- Dog treats
- Pet beds
- Paper towels
- Wire pop-up crates
- Cat toys
- Pet waste bags
- Gloves (vinyl or nitrile)

[Visit halorescue.org/wish-list to learn more.](http://halorescue.org/wish-list)

# HOW HALO SPENDS YOUR GIFTS

**85 cents of every dollar donated directly supports the animals**

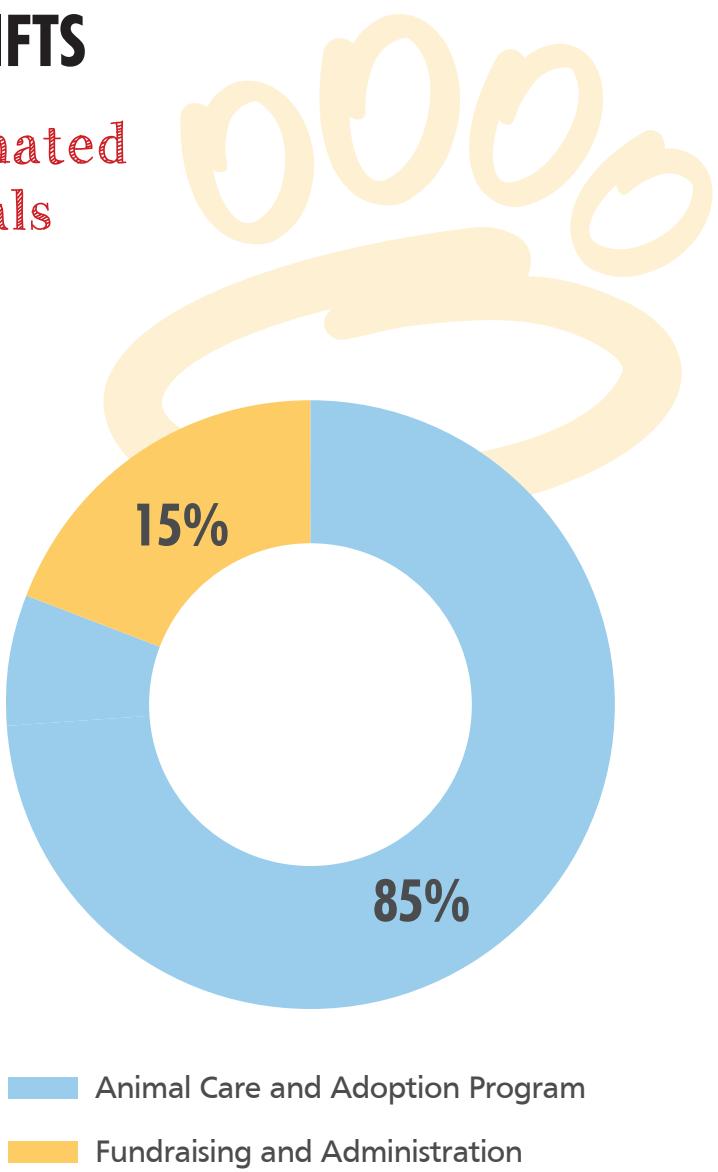
Your support is important to us.  
Whether it is \$5 or \$5,000, your gifts are what truly save the animals.

*We can't thank you enough.*

85 cents of every dollar donated to HALO goes to our animal programs. Only 15 cents of each dollar goes to fundraising and administration.

Adoption fees help, but don't always cover all the costs of preparing a pet for adoption. Some animals need very little, perhaps just a microchip, while others may need several thousand dollars in medical care.

Your donations make up the critical difference between the cost of care and the adoption fees. Your gifts give abandoned dogs and cats medicine, healthy food, loving care, and most importantly forever homes.



Donated items  
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# 3,865 HALO PETS FOUND HOMES IN 2018

Support from caring animal lovers like you gave homes to thousands of pets like Murphy and Abigail

When Murphy came to HALO he was very sick. He didn't want to eat or play. He was throwing up. We feared the worst. Thankfully, with the support of donors like you, Murphy got the medical care he needed and made a great recovery. His family wrote us to say, "We are so happy to have Murphy in our family. He's a great addition and full of energy!"

HALO found homes for 2,720 dogs like Murphy.



When Abigail was just two months old, she found herself at a shelter in California where many cats like her are euthanized. Thankfully, HALO Animal Rescue swooped in to save her. After a long van ride and a short stay at HALO's main shelter, Abigail found a home here in Arizona. Now her future is bright because of kind people like you.

HALO found homes for 1,145 cats like Abigail.



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



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3227 E Bell Road, Ste D151  
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